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THE HOLY GENEA-LOGIES OF THE SA-CRED SCRIPTVRES.

Confirming vnto vs the truth of the Histories in Gods most holie word; and the humanitie of Christ lesvs.

By Io: Speed.

MATH. 22.45.
If Dauid then call him Lord, how is beehis Sonne?

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# TO THE MOST

REVEREND in God George Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate and Metrapolitan of all England, and one of his Maicsties most honourable priny Councell.



He manifold fauors that your Grace bath extended to me, euen from be-

fore Iwas knowne vnto you by face, and ever since bath continued them abundantly without any my deferts : bath :ms 12 bolde

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boldened me (most reuerend faz ther in God) to dedicate unto your Grace, and gracious pros tection, these my last labours in this cloud of witnesses of Gods truth. An argument it is onto some of some seeming difficultie, and a rough path vnto mas ny unusually trode in, and therefore requireth a farre more able meanes to smooth the way, then either my wit, or weake abilitie can any wife aford. That the Scriptures Genealogies are vaine: some that follow their owne vaine in preferring zeale before knows ledge,

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ledge, would have the Apostle to pronounce. Others ( besides their authoritie, for that they are penned by Gods Spirit) account them vselesse and emptie, either to be knowne or taught. To meete with both, my selfe of many thousands the least, have affaid, first, in drawing the lineal descents of all the Tribes, and of enery family from first to last, to illustrate the text: and especially theirs of Iudahs, that leade vnto Christ. And now inthis small treatise do endeauour to shew their vles, both in the holy stories, to A 3 whom

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whom they are states, and in confirmation of Gods promises, to whom they are a great cloud of witnesses. But for my refuge against the opposers of this my someake a performance, to whom shall I flie, but onely to your Grace, whom God and his Maiestie hath appointed to the beline of Christs Ship in these British seas." And who formerly was one of those reuerend Commissioners that approved and authorifed the publication of my draughts of the Scriptures Genealogies onto the world. That I am not a Le-

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for the setting forward of He Sanctuarie. And for the increase of Gods treasur rie, the poore widdow didminin Ger as well as the rich Phanisee. The servant that had but me Talent in charge, for his ding that one was condemned, and the fruitlesse fige tree withered in one night. The verie heathen man could (a); that man is not borne onely for him. selfe, and wee know that all must labour in the Loras vineyard, and not fland idle all the day. And are I am that your Grace, as anciber Moles, wisheth

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eth that all the people in the Host could propheste with Eldad and Medad: and as Gods high Priest continually shaketh the l'enjer of sweete prayers, for the wealth of his Zion, and peace of our Church : in whose hand I pray that Aarons roa may long bud, and that from your forebead may Ing shine Holinestothe Lord. That God therefore who hath indued your Grace with many blefsed graces in this mortall life, continue them long to his glorie, your owne comfort, and our consolation: and after your Pilgri-

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Pilgrimage in this vale of teares crowne you in the life of immortalitie, to reigne with his Christ, and as a starre to shine among his elect and chosen children for ever.

Your Graces in all most humble and dutifull services to be commanded,

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He holy afcents mounting into those facred buildings, which are laide vppon the foundations of the Prophets and Apostles,

(Christ Iefas himselfe being the Corner flone) are the Times the Persons, and the Places of the Scriptures Records, which are framed as Stayes, and Stayers, to lead into the historicall prospect of Gods heauenly Architecture, with as great frength and beauty, as were the Lions that supported the Ascents into Salemons Throne. Any of which either miflaide or mist aken, hindereth the eye of some perfectaspect, that otherwise from them lye open to fight: for no man can deny, but that in all humane descriptions, thefe are the Sinewes of the narration; and in the facred Text, thefe also are the Cement that couple together the well

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well squared Stones in the Lords building, without noise or stroke, either of Axe or Hammer : And doe still make knowne, how fure by text, the holy Spi rit vttereth a vniforme trueth. For the euent of Prophecies, falling in any Age, vpon any Perfon, People , or Place, and meeting in the Center of a perfect performance; declares the constant accomplishment of Gods determined decrees. whither it be in his Iustice vpon the sons of rejection and death, or in his mercy vpon the children of election and life, and is to the mind of the thirsting fearcher, as the watersprings to Dama's hart: and more to be defired then the gold refined in the fire fraue times. The discents of the persons, the Genealogies annexed to the new translated Bible doe shew ; and what part they beare for illustration of Scriptures, this present Treatife in some part doth witnesse; which, had it beene written with a more learned pen, would have given (I know) farre more satisfaction, especially to such as thinke their

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their doctrine condemned by the Apr-Ale; or at least, of leffe vie then other findies of Scripture. Vpon which occasion, and the defire of others more moderatly minded, these paines were vndertaken and gone : wherein I haue rather chosen to confirme their vses in a con. tinued discourse, then to rip vp the affer. tions of an ignorant zeale : lest in opening the obiection, the opinion proposed proue little lesse then blasphemy : as Solon in his lawes forbare to mention the punishmet for the murtherers of parets, lest in naming the fact, the thoughts of the children might be corrupted. And albeit I have not curiously carned, but rather rough hewen the stones to this worke (as the least labourer, and in the last houre of the day) yet the foundation being laid vpon the facred fure text, cannot be tempest-shaken, howsoeuer for manner and stile, it may bee found faultie, in the fearching eyes of this learned age. And the thing especially aimed, How God became Man, and how

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how the Emanuel lefus was the Meffiah of the world (befices the holy Prophets many testimonies) the Iewish Rabbins themselves apparantly grant: whose owner eports in their many Talmuds (as they are collected from the skilfull in that tongue) are here laid downe, without any fainings or falsifyings of their text.

These my labors and unpollished collections, I send into the world, as Iacob (1 seare) sent Ioseph unto his brethren, yet hope I of better acceptance and pray for the like successe. And if any one stone be herein so laid, as that the wearied doubter may thereon rest, I have my desire, ascribing all honour to him that giveth rest to the soule, and is the chiefe corner stone of Zions building. For whose sulpersection let us as watch full fervants attend, that with the wise Virgins wee may enter the chamber of the Bridegroome Christ, in whom I rest ever thine,

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livered, gave this precept continually to be followed; That the children should aske their fathers concerning the Lords Covenants, euen since the day that man was created vpon the earth. And the disputer in tob, from the same text, giveth the reason; b For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because (saith he) our daies are a shadow vpon the earth.

b 10b.8.8.

If then from the wife, wifdome is to be had, what truer can be gotten, then from the ancient Patriarkes, Fathers, & high Saints, both before and after the floud; they being the Parents of Christ, and the patternes of all true holinesse. The former for length of daies, and holy conversations are best able to instruct vs, and ought chiefely to bee knowne of

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vs, for the parents of all Nations vpon the earth.

Whose religion and service to their God lebouah, their facrificing declareth, and the propheticall naming of their fonnes fufficiently sheweth, what hope they had of the other, and how vaine they held this transitory world.

For Adam no sooner had Cain, c Gen.4. a possession, but foorthwith was borne to him Abel a vanity, and therfore histhird fonne in name was Seth, a fetled foundation vpon the Rocke Christ. And Setb knowing the finnes that should faithful, be wrought by the Sonnes of the holy Stem, when they for beauties fake should match themfelues with the prophane (but faire) daughters of Cains race, named his sonne Enosh the forrowfull, B 2

The Fathers were and all of them Pro phets.

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full, as forefeeing the heavy relapfe in religion, and athe turning of the grace of God into mantonnes: as vpon the like stumbing block e Num.25. the Ifraelites fell, when twenty foure thousand fell under the plague of death, for the like wantonnesse with the daughters of

Moab.

Vnto Seth was born Kenan the Contrite; and vnto him Mahalaliel the praise-God; whose sonne was I ared the lowly, and his fon Henoch the Consecrated; a figure of the refurrestion, by the transla tion of his earthly body into heauen from the society of men, and the world. His fonne was Methufalah the Speare-death; & his Lamech the heart-wounded: who

foreseeing the general deluge, na-

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> med his sonne Noah the Comforter.

forter, that should restore the earth which God had curfed. & repeople the world, which for finne was drowned.

And the like appellations had the fathers after the floud, though the yeares of their lines were cut thorter by the halfe: for sem the fecond sonne of Noah, was named renowne, who in his name Melchifedech is renowned indeed, being the first King and Priest Melabife. mentioned in the world, and a forerunner of Christ in them and Profit both. His Arphaxad was a Healer, and his sonne Sale a spoiler; his sonn'e Heber a Pilgrim, and his fonne Peleg a Diution, & To confequently of all the rest.

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All the Fathers leade vnto Christ.

vnto the Messiah himselfe, who was Iesus the Sautour, and the Emanuel, God with vs.

Then let vs not thinke that these names of *Christ* his Parents, (or others vpon occasions giuen or changed) fell from the mouthes of these *Patriarkes*, as lots that fall from the lappe; but rather that those Prophets foreseeing *Christ* to come, met him with their thankfull remembrances, and sawe his daies a farre off and rejoyced.

All the Fathers by faith favve Christ.

These Etimologies then leade vs vnto the Messiah, as the Starre didthe wise-men vnto Christ at Beth-lehem; wherein if our dull apprehensions fall too short (as who can comprehend the full mystery that God would become man in the flesh) where we vnder-stand;

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ftand, let vs reioyce and be thankfull, and where wee vnderftand not, let vs pray for his *spirit*, that tour darkenesse may bee made light in *Christ*.

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daies the bounds of the yeare, and their liues, the measure of time, and of the Sumnes course: tor neither by the motions of the planets, nor circle of the moone, the sumne was observed to passe the twelve Signes in the zodiake: for two thousand eighty three years continuance; but onely and altogether by the lives of those first patriarkes for many generations successively.

This glory God gave to the parents of his Sonne, that so long as they held him for their God tehouah, and with true worshippe honoured him aright, so long that most excellent creature the unne, the beauty of the heavens, and the delight of the world, gave place for his measurings to these earthly men. For no otherwise

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As for example, Adam at an hundred and thirty yeares of its life begat Seth, and liued after us birth eight hundred & thirty yeres. Seth at an hundred and fiue, begot Enoth, he lived after his birth eight hundred and feuen, and died aged nine hundred & twelve yeares. Fnoth jued ninety yeares, and begot Caman, and lived after hee had begot Caman eight hundred and niteene yeares: fo all the daies of Enoth were nine

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The glory of the worlds computation taken from the fathers.

vond the riuer, belides that note ofinfamy, to bee the first of the holy Lyne that ferued strange Gods, was the last of that Lyne that measured the sunnes course, and had that honour for computation taken from him, as one vnworthy to direct the light of the world, being fallen into darke idolatrie himself: and God from that time tyed the fum of times in holier bands; as from the promife to the a Lawe, from the Law to the building of the b Temple, from thence to the Kingdomes diuision, and their continuance,

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the destruction of the Temple: thence to the end of e Babels cap- e Ler. 25.11 tiuity: and laftly thence, to the eternall liberty bought with the bloud and death of our f Meffiah.

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But God in · Iustice ener remembring mercy, hath not fo eclipfed these holy fathers renowne, as to stand naked for viein the computations following; but hath rather fer them for Stones in times buildings, to give the luftre of trueth in the Theological Chronicle of his facred decrees, and hath made them Iudges, how the times fet by himselfe, fell in number, weight, and measure.

For in the sweete promises to Abraham, that shis feede should inherit the Land of Canaan, this pill

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they (bould be afflicted in a strange Land, the space of source hundred yeares, and those expired in the fourth generation they should bee delivered. Now the most noted affliction was the thraldome of of Egypt, under the burdens of bricke and clay; and the deliuery from that Iron formace, was as faithfully accomplished, and as mightily performed in the fourth generation of Ifraels sonnes. For of Iudahs tribe, liezron was one that went downe into Egypt, and Naasson the fourth in distent, was a Prince in the Wildernesse. So likewise of Leui, Coath was one of the feauenty foules; and his

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Jes to some seemeth to auerre) was soure hundred and thirty years. But the Apostle Saint Paul, who wrot by the same spirit, to proue grace before workes, maketh the number no more betwixt 4 the promise and the Lawe: now we know that the Lawe was given immediately vppon the departure of Israel out of Egypt in the wildernesse of Sinai: as also that the half of those yeares were fully expired, before that Israel came to dwell in Egypt.

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For Abraham at a fewenty five received the promise, and at an hundred of his life (which was twenty five yeares after) Isack was borne: Isack at sixty begot Iacob, and Iacobwas and Ico. and 30. when hee came before Pharoah: all which added toge-

Mafer his meaning expounded.

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12. Hafte the years of the promite was fpent before the thrackites weatin Egypt.

ther make but halfe the number, euen \*two hundred and fifteene.

Thus then by the faceed Genealogies (the fure foundation of holy stories) wee are taught how to reade Moses with understanding, who in these foure hundred & thirty-yeares, doth include the peregrinations, afflictions, and dwellings of Abraham, Isaac, and Iacob, in the land of Canaan, with the Israelites soiourning in Egypt.

The Septuazints exposition of Moses.

And so the Septuagints doe interpret the Text. The dwelling (say they) which the children of Israel dwelt in Egypt, and in the Land of Canan, both they and their fathers, was four hundred and thirty yeares. And in the same words doth \* Augustine expound it; as \* to sephus like wise before him had done.

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The mistaking of this text hath been a Gordius knot vnto many, & hath troubled Genebrard not a little to vnloofe the same, who affirmeth it unpossible that fix hundred thousand men, besides weomen and children; (hould be procreated within the compasse of two hundred and fifteene yeares, not considering the fecundity of men, God alfo helping, who multiplied their feede like vnto the estarres of heaven, and for number were as thed dust of the earth which could not be numbred, as he had promised Abraham.

But that the Ifraelites could The Ifrae not dwel in Egypt foure hundred and thirty yeares, as hee vnder- nue in &standeth Moses, a second foundation vpon the holy Genealogies are let. For a Kohath accompani-

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ed Iacobinto Ezypt, and ais fonne h Amram and his fonne Moles. Then feeing Kohath is the enterer, and Moles the departer, the time cannot extend to four hundred and thirty yeares : for Ko hath lived but one hundred thirty three yeares: camram his forme, but one hundred thirty feauen; and Mojes his fon was eighty at the departure. All which added together make but three hundred and fifty, and yet some of them also must bee dedusted where they lived together. These ages therefore are so fure and true wirneffes of Moles his meaning, that Genebrard mi-Itaking it, affirmeth fome betwixt Kohath and Mofes to bee omitted. To such extremity Ge-

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And yet further to illustrate thetext for story, a weake woman may serue to support the truth: namely, tochebed the mother of Moses, who was the immediate daughter of Leui, borne vnto him in Egypt, by Elisebahhis wife: Nom, 26.59. Now the life of Leui extended but to one hundred thirty seuen yeeres, Exod. 6. 16. wherof forty three were spent before he came into Egypt, which thus may be collected.

Leniwas borne of Leah, in the third yeere of the second seuen, of lacobs service with Lahan; in the end of which seven, loseph also was borne: Gen. 20.25. & Chap. 31.41. So that loseph is but source yeeres yonger then Leni. Now losephs age

Jochebed the daughter of Leas, & mother of Moses.

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at his expounding of Phareahs dreame was thirty, Gen. 41.46. And thence the feuen yeers of plenty, and the two of famine were expired, Gen. 46. 6. So that Ioleph was aged when his father and bretheren came into Epypt thirty nine yeeres, and Lesi his elder, was at that time forty three: whose continuance then in Egypt must bee ninety foure yeeres; for ninety foure added to forty three, make one hundred thirty feuen, his whole age to his death: before which time it is manifest Iochebed (his daughter) must be borne, or be gotten.

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death must bee the departure thence; but so long a time by lochebeds age cannot bee granted: for thee being borne but. ninety foure yeeres after the first entrance, and living to beare a sonne, but eighty yeers before the departure; the time betwixt the death of her father. & the birth of her sonne must be the age of her owne life: for had shee beene borne the day of her fathers death, which is not likely, and had died the day of her sonnes birth, which we know is contrary, yet must shee haue beene two hundred and fifty yeeres old when thee bare Mosis. A time by much too long for weomen to conceiue, and her age farre vnfit to giue sucke, or to bee cho-

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The Peregrinations of the Patriarks andthe abode in Egipt together make 430. yecres.

sen a fitte nurse for a Kings daughters sonne.

And therefore it is certenly gathered by these holy Genealogies, that the peregrinations of the Patriarks Abraham, I / 446 and Iacob, for the space of two hundred and fifteene yeeres, must bee accounted with the time of the continuance in Egypt, both which togethermake the sum of foure hundred and thirty.

What lights therefore Genealogies are for history, let these here alleaged stand for witnesfes wherin I appeale to the gaine-fayers themselues, whether any text be forced contrary to the true meaning.

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He like vse and vtilitie shall wee finde in the fucceeding times of the facred records: and most especially in that which con-

cerneth vs most; namely the time mentioed in Daniel, which foreshewed the death of the true Lambe Christ, vnto whom all the facrifices of the Lawe pointed, and in whom all the

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Leuiticall rites ended, he being our high Priest farre aboue Aarons order.

Now among many other

maledictions threatned for the breach of the Lawe, this was one, a that the land should lie mast to pay her Sabbaths of reft. Which time of waste, the Prophet Teremy affirmeth to have beene seventy yeers and doth begin their account in b the first yeer of Nebuchadnezar King of Babel: from whence all nations should serve him, his sonne, and sonnes sonne,

the space of senenty reeres: which expired in the third of Baltha-

zar, and first yeere of King Cyrus,

when the raigne of the Kingdome

of Persia beganne, as it is in

2. Chron. 36, 20, 22.

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Vpon which text of leremy, Danieltooke his occasion of Prayer for their deliuerance. & the Lord was as ready to accomplish his promise, who fending his Angell even in the fame moment, certified him, that whilft his supplications were in making the Decree of delinevance was in determining; and that not onely from Babels feventy yeeres captiuity: butalso thence after fenenty times fe. uen should be a full deliverance from spirituall thraldome, by the doctrine and death of the Messiah.

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These fenenty Gabriel divideth into three parts, as followeth. First to the rebuilding of the Citie, and second Temple, seuen seasons. Secondly, Six

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to two feuens, wherein a filence for Prophelie, the want of fire from beauen, and the Vrim,& Thummin should be had. And thirdly, one feuen, in the halfe whereof Christ should confirme the Covenant for many, and in the end thereof should feale vp mans redemption by his death and paffion.

Notwithstanding this tripple account, and plainnesse of Chronologie (which the Angell aimeth at, as to the true period of times fulnesse) hath been troubled with the vncertaine computations both of Iewes and Christians, who hath both shrunke and tentered them from the wit mumber of foure hundred & ninety yeeres; which feuen feuens

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For some will have them to containe no fixed certaine time at all, but rather thinke they were spoken vnto Daniel; as Christ spake vnto Peter in forgiuing his brothers offences e I say not unto thee unto seuen times, but onto seventy times seuentimes: or as his, that doth begin them fifty yeeres before Babels fall, and ends them towards the diffolution of the world\*as Hierom citeth Hipolytus to haue done, or if any certainty beein them, yet such it is, as may rather dazell the eye vnto dimmer darkenesse, then illuminate the vnderstanding with brighter knowledge, if we wil lend our eares vnto Origen; who understandeth these weekes

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weekes, not to bee weekes of feuen yeeres, but of ten times feuen, \* for every yeere taking ten, & doth begin their reckoning from the beginning of the world, fo that feuenty weekes shoulde make foure thousand nine hundred yeeres from the creation vnto Christ

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Others that allow their certainty, & propriety of the Angels speech, yet doe differ in assigning their beginnings & endings; because three other elicts are mentioned in Exra & Nehemiah, besides that of Cyrus, and yet wheresoeuer they begin them, they still bring their endings, eyther at the birth of Christ in the time of Herod, or at the death of Christ, in the raigne of Tiberius, as \* Lord

Egra. 7. 12, Nebem. 2,

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Plesie hath well observed.

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That they began when Babels kingdome ended, is most manifest by Ieremiah the Prophet where he faith; Thus faith the Lord, after sewenty yeeres bee accomplished at Babel, I will visit you, and performe my good promiles towards you, and caule you to returne to this place. And by the last Chapter of the second of Chronicles, where it is faid & In the first veere of Cyrus King of Persia, ( when the word of the Lord (poken by the mouth of leremiah was finished) the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus, King of Persia, and he made a proclamation through all his Kingdome, and alfoby wrating faying; Thus faith Cyrus King of Perfia, all the Kingdomes of the earth hath the Lord

Daniels fouens began in the first yeere of Cyrus. f Icre. 19.10.

g Chro. 36. 22.

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Lord God of heaven given me, and hee hath commanded mee to build him a house in Ierusalem, that is in Iudah: who is among you of all his people, with whom the Lord his God is, let him goe up.

The Edicts of Cyrus successors, but confirmations of his.

h Egra 6.1.

And the other Edicts made by Darius, and Artaxerxes, successors to Cyrus; are but confirmations of this his Edict, and not new Edicts made, from which these feuens might have their beginnings: for so the Records layed up in the Library at Babel, & fearched at the command of Darius, doth signifie, where in a volume it was thus written as a memorials: In the first yeere of King Cyrus, King Cyrus made a decree for the house of Godin Ierusalem, & c.

And that they ended at the death

death of Christ, when sinnes; were sealed up, and iniquitie reconciled by the annoynting of the hely of Holies, is manifest, both by a definite & certaine number in themselues assigned, namely seventie sevens : as also by a definite number multiplied from other senens thus, leremiah had shewed the i seuentie yeeres captiuitie wherein they were to serue the King of Babell, his Sonne, and his sonnes Sonne; which exactly fell so, and were expired at Daniels prayer; and thence, beeing multiplied ten times more, doe bring vs to the certaine time of Christs death, and make foure hundred and ninety yeeres.

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parts definite, approue the whole certaine, and the first, & last falling accordingly, make that time, to point out his time for whom time was ordained

For the first, the lewes obiection against Christ, that fourtie six yeeres the Temple was in building, 10h.2.20. and the three of hindrance since Cyrus his Edict, make that number certayne, euen leuen Seuens, or fortie fine yeeres, whereof more hereafter. And that the last were as exactly accompli-Thedfrom the bapti me of chift vnto his death, euen ha'fe a feuen of yeers, by the foure Paffeouers celebrated by himselfe (in the last whereofhee dyed) is aparant by the Euangelists records, and by the ancient affirmed

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med to be the three yeeres & a halfe of Christ his preaching to confirme the couenant; vnto the which timekthe Time, Times and halfe a Time in the Apocalips is alluded vnto by many Interpreters. And had those feuenty feuens or yeeres of Christ his preaching and death, beene vncertaine, the Iewes had not beene so justly taxed for more negligent observers of time, then were the loxe, or the Alle, the" Storke, the Turtle, the Crane and the Swallow, neyther had beene fo blame-worthy of times ignorance for their own visitations.

Moreouer, had these Seventie Sevens beene vncertaine, then the acceptable yeere of Iubile had not beene so certainely expected

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Daniels Seuens the only Chronicle to the new Te-Gamenz.

o Rom. 13.36.

n Luke 19.11, expected as in " Luke wee see it was: neyther had any certayne Chronology continued from the old, vnto the new Testament. And what should moue the ho ly Ghost so carefully to keepe and continue a true Chronology of every particular story, from the first creation, vnto the first yeere of Cyrus, and there brake it off: especially considering, that all times led vnto Christ, of whom, through whom, and for whom, were all things writ that were writ , to whom bee glory for euer and euer, A-

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Thus much being spoken of their beginnings and endings, let vs now come to the accounts therein contained, and for the better vnderstan-

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The Roman Writers fet Christs death in the eighteenth of the Emperor Tibersus, and his birth in the forty two of Augustus, whose whole raigne was fifty fixe yeeres: fo that by them Christ his age is made to bee vpon thirty three yeeres. And both Romaus and Greekes reckon betwixt the first of Auguftus, and the last of Alexander, two hundred and eighty yeers; namely fenenty Olympiads: for, Alexander died in the 114. Olympiad, and Augustus began his raigne in the 184.

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The Græcian Monarchy beganne at the flaughter of Daring.

But the Grecian Monarchy beganne fixe yeeres before the death of Alexander, by the flaughter of Darius, as all Authours acknowledge : and ended with the death of Cleopatra Queene of Ægypt, being the last of his successours, in the foureteenth yeere of Augustus, as by the raignes of the Ptolomies are generally gathered. Which number fixe before Alexanders death, and foureteene likewise after Augustus his beginning, being added to 280. make the number to be compleat three hundred veeres: the whole and exact time of the Grecian Monarchy.

The Græcian Monarchy continued 300, yeeres.

And the Romans raigne from the foureteenth of Augustus, vnto the death of Christ the

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'Messiah, (where the last Senen of the Seventy ended) by the remainder of Augustus his raigne (which was forty two yeeres more ) and eighteene likewise expired under Tiberius, is most apparant that fixty yeeres of the Roman gouernement were spent; which being added to the three hundred of the Gracians, both together make three hundred and fixty. So that one hundred and thirty for the Perfians time must remaine, to fill vp the number of Seventy Sevens, or foure hundred and ninety yeeres predi-Aed in Daniel.

Which time of the Persians, both in the division for those first Sevens wherein the City was built, and their whole con-

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The Perfians raigne most trouble Daniels accounts.

P Dan. 5.30.

9 2.Cbro.36,22

2 Nebe. 13,22.

tinuance vnto their end, hath bred the greatest disturbance of Daniels propriety.

That their Monarchy began when the word P. MENE was double writte vpon the Pallace wall, & Babels kingdome ended by the flaughter of Belfhazzar, thetexts both of Daniel, and the 9 Chronicles doe shew, and that it continued vnto Darius, whom he furnameth the Per-Gan, Nehemiah doth record, betwixt whom is no greater difagreements for the number of their Kings, and their names, then there is of yeeres for their raignes and continuance: not any one of them from first to laft, but hath a differing numberaffigned, euen by their best recorders.

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For the number of their kings, Rab. Saadah wil haue the but three, Aben Ezra saith, they were foure, and Rab. Moses alloweth them fiue: of Christian Writers, Annius Viterbiensis accounted them eight, Ioseph Scaliger will haue them nine, Bullenger ten, Beroaldus eleuen, and Hierome with the ordinary glosse, no lesse then foureteene: and as in the men, so for number of yeeres they disagree.

For the lewes generally to crosse the time, lest it-should meete Christ to be their Messia, give the Persians from the first vnto the last of their governement, but onely sifty yeeres; though Aben Ezra is content to allow them eleven more. Of Christians, Pererius extendeth D3 their

The number of the Perfian Kings not agreed vpon.

The raignes of the Perfian Kings vncertaine.

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their time to 232. yeeres. Lyra to/230. Clemence Alexandrinus giueth them 215. Dyomfius Hallicarnafis 200. Lucydus 190. Ificar 180. Beroaldus, Broughton, & other late Writers 130. differing in their totals, no lesse then 182. yeeres.

Whereby wee may fee how the smooth running waters of Shiloh are become a troubled ocean vnto many, oue which gulfe of disagreeing accounts (were not the holy Genealogies) the bridge, it were vnpostible for vs to passe.

For in their first number, from the first yeer of Cyrus vnto the sinishing of the Temple, in the sixth of Darius, are added vnto the propriety of those
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yeeres, making of forty nine, (which they properly import) no lesse then \* an hundred and sixe yeeres. And in the like manner the time from that worke, vnto the end of the Perstans raigne, is likewise ouerstretched to bee sourcescore and one yeeres, more then the Sun euer measured.

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The maine cause of whose differences are, the variable accounts of the heathen, and the variance computations of the variance computations as the Reed in the Angels hand, that measured the Temple and Altar of the holy City, and the men then living, a cloud of witnesses to confirme the Times

" Apoc.11.1.

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No account to be made of prophane writers for Daniels seuens.

The cause too waighty for the heathen to witnes. certainetie vnto vs.

For, feeing that the facred fcriptures (for ftory) at the rebuilding of Ierufalem and fecond temple did cease: the difagreements of prophane Writers, in Times computation so manifestly apparant, & the euer erring Olympiads (the onely Chronicle of the heathen) so vaccertaine of beginning, and neglect for continuance, no sure foundation can be laid upon so sandy or soft a ground.

Nor may those prophane authorities be held fit pillars to support the waight; of the waightiest speech of times measure, and promise of mans redemption, reuealed in the old testament of Gad, but are to be rejected in this holy computa-

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tion, as the vnmeasured Court was to be cast out and given to the Gentiles. And yet weedeny not, but where the Gentiles agree with Gabriels account, they may be brought as witnesses to the truth, and God by them iustissed in his promises when he is iudged. Therefore to approve the propriety of Daniels Sevens, let vs traverse them by the scriptures allowance, both in the ages and lives of men.

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That the first division of Gabriels Sevens (which was from the going forth of the Edict, to the rebuilding of Ierusalem) fell accordingly, and were forty nine yeeres to the finishing of the worke: the answere of the Iewes to our Saviour Christ, doth fo much import, when demanding

The Heather Writers may ferue as handmaides to the Scriptures text.

" Dan 9.15.

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ding by what authority he droue the market out of the Temple, and what signes he shewed to testifie his authority destroy (said he) \* this Temple, and in three dayes I will raise it up: speaking of the temple of his body. But they ignorant of his meaning, replied thus: Fortie sixe yeeres this Temple was in building, and wilt thou reare it up in three dayes.

\* Bullinger. Scallenger. And whereas \* some are of opinion that the lewes vnpre-meditated made this answere, as they did of Christs age, thou art not yet fiftie, and hist thou seeme Abrahim: yet seeing the account falleth according to the assignment, we may well thinke they spake vppon an historicall knowledge: for three

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yeeres added thereunto, which were the veeres from Cyrus his Edict, vnto the hindrance of that y worke by his successors; & for which Daniell mourned three weekes of daies, chapter 10. 2. make the number to be fortie nine, euen feauen times feauen yeeres; vnto which certenty some are so confident, that they amouch these fortie fix yeeres did forefigure Christ his age vpon the earth, and doe draw the yeeres of his life, vnto the like number of \* forty fixe, because as they imagin, the body should answer the shadow, the substance the figure, and the true Temple the materiall in euery degree; albeit heerein they are much deceived: for that the dayes of Christ vponearth.

y E zra.4.34.

\*Alleaged by D. Willes vpon Dan. 9. fol. 304.

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earth, were onely thirty three yeeres and a halfe, and no more, as by the yeeres of his birth and death under the raignes of the Romane Emperours Augustus and Tiberius is seene.

But that fiftie seuen more should be added, & the yeeres tentured vnto an hundred and sixe, betwixt the first of King Cyrus, and the building of the Temple the ages of divers men in those daies will not permit; and therfore by the holy scriptures let vs see how the holy Genealogies stay them from rouing too farre.

Zerubbabel of yeers sufficient to gouern the returned. First it is manifest that Zerubabel of Iudah, was a prince of yeeres and actiuenesse, sit to lead and commaund the peo-

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ple in their returne from captiuitie, in the first yeere of Cyrus: & so he is ever named in the catalogue amongst the returned and that in the I fecond yeere and z Erra. 3.8. second moneth after their comming to lerufalem, he began to fet forward the worke of the house of the Lord, and to lay the foundation of the temple, is by Ezra recorded, & as manifestly was it promised that hee should see that his worke finished, for so said Zechariah from the Lord, a the hands of Zerubbabel layd the foundation of this house, and his hands shall finish it. What age Zerubbabel was of when he vnderwent that gouernment wee know not, but must coniecture, he was of yeeres fit for that charge, but to live from that

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The Scriptures must warrant, where wee must credit. that age, to an hundred & fixe yeers more, is more then without warrant can be credited, and yet for any thing knowne to the contrary, hee might hue long after the worke was finished.

Another witnesse wee have as aged (if not mo) as Zerubba-bel, and a principall man also, who with him returned from Babylon in the first yeere of Cyrus, Ezra the Scribe, the sonne of Seraiah the high priest whose ancestors both in the seventh chapter of his booke, & in the first booke of the Chronicles are reckoned vp vnto A-aron. Now the same Seraiah sather to Ezra was carried to Riblah, in the land of Hamath, and there slaine, by Nebuchad-

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ende of the Persians raigne, which was eighty yeares more, his life must have seene more yeares, then that shortened age of mans life could attaine vnto. And therefore the vncertaine accounts of the Heathen must bee measured by those men whom the Scriptures have

e Deut.19.15.

And seeing God hath ordained, that by the mouth and testimony of two or three witnesses the truth shall bee established: Let Mordecai an eminent man of Beniamin stand for another. This Mordecai was carried away captine into Babylon, with

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Persia, vnto the twelfth yeere of his raigne.

And that this Abashuerosh was Darius Histaspis, besides Lyra and others ancient, the moderne Writers, Beroaldus, Broughton, Willer, More, the Geneuian annotation, and many more affirme : and \* Herodotus in his third booke nameth Atof-(a to bee the wife of Hyftafpis, founding so neere to Ada sa(the other name of Ester) as without preiudice we may call Ester his Queene. And the rather, for that the faid Authour reporteth thee could doe any thing with the King her husband: which the Scripture confirmeth euen h to the halfe of his Kingdome.

And likewise \* Hellanicus another Heathen Authour re-

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Darius Hiftafpis bolden to be Abashueroll.

\* Hirod. lib.3.

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\* Hellmicus.

porteth, that Atella Queene of Perfia, was the first inuenter of Epifiles, which vindoubtedly was ministred voon the Letters by her procured, and fent vnto one hundred and twenty feuen Provinces, for the fauing of her people, whom Abasoueros had condemned at the fuit of i wic-

ked Haman.

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But that this Abafbuerofb could be Xerxes, and hee eighty foure veeres after Cyrus, as hee hath beene set; the age of Mordecai may not admit : for had Mordecai beene but eight yeeres of age, when he was carried away Captine with Iecomish in the eight yeere of Nebuchadnezzar, yet must hee haue beene feuenty at the returne from Babylon, but to adde almost

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most a hundred yeeres more, neither humanity could require his so aged knees to bow, nor nature afford his body to bee of such agility, as hee was for state assaures: mans terme of life as \* Solon told Crassus (men of the same time) to bee onely threescore and ten yeeres.

\* Herod lib.1.

And that the time could extend to those yeeres thus inlarged betwixt Cyrus his Edict, and the building of the City, Nehemiah doth bring a whole Iury of witnesses against it, who in his catalogue of twenty two men that returned with him, and Zerubbabel from Chaldea vnto lewry. nameth twelue of them to be living in the daies of his governement: and after that the wals of Ierusalem were finite.

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thed: which were, Seraiah, Amriah, Malluch, Hattush, Sebaniah, Harim, Merimoth, Cinnethon, Abbiiah, Mijamin, Bilgai, and Shemaiah, as in the tenth & twelfth chapters of Nehemiah apparantly is seene. But from these particulars let vs come to the generals.

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That many of the same perfons which had beene carried captive vnto Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar, were returned and alive, at the building of the second Temple, in the second yeere of Darius, is manifest by this speech of Haggai, k who is least sait shoule in her first glory, how doe you see it now, is it not in your eies in comparison of it as notking? Whereby it is apparant that many

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many of the returned, had feene the great beauty of Salomons Temple, and were feated again in Ierusalem, according to the vision of the good figges seene by leremy, concerning the captiuity of leconiah, whom the Lord had promised to bring againe to Iudah, 1 to build them, 1 Icre. 34. and not destroy them, to plant them, and not to root them out.

And albeit that Zechariah told them that mold men, and old weomen (bould malke the streetes of Ierusalem upon their staues through decrepitage; yet fuch exceeding olde age could not bee retained in that age of the world: for had an hundred and fixe yeeres beene expired from the first yeere of Cyrus to the rebuilding of Ierusalem, and the E 3

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ned each of them have beene at that time an hundred and feuenty yeeres aged, had they been but tenne when Salomons temple was destroyed; and ten yeeres is the least age that can be allowed to retain e memory, or observation of the Temples curious building and passing great beauty.

Wherefore those tentured times of Daniels Seuens, must be againe shrunke vnto the staple of the sacred accounts, and the Persians raigne shortned vnto halfe the number (almost) that some ouer-lauishly haue given them. For the chaine of Chronologie linked together by the liues of the holy line, and sacred stories as-

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figned, even from the first creation, vnto the first yeere of the first Persian Monarch; are as strong for continuance; and as glorious for accounts, as was the "golden chayne that Solomon drew before the dore of the holy oracle. But in the linke of the Persians time is so broken assunder by the vncertaine records of vncertain authorities, as it may rather feeme a vexing of the truth, then to leade vs to the truetime of Christ his Sufferings therefore to measure the stone by the square, and the Persians whole continuance by the limits of life, let vs see yet further how the facred Scriptures doe direct vs there-117.

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1 King. 6.21.

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Nehemiah faw both the beginning & ending of the Persian Monarchy.

dah, famous in his booke canonicall, saw both the beginning and ending of the Persians Monarchy, as the text apparantly sheweth, for in the first yeer of Cyrus, among the sonnes of the province that went up out of captivitie, (according to the Edict) this Nehemiah is said to accompany erubbabel the prince, together with Iesbuah, Seraiah, Mordecai, and others. And that this was the same Nehemiah, who with large grants from King Partaners came againe to terulalem in the twentieth of

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King PArtaxerxes came againe to Ierusalem in the twentieth of his raigne, is further confirmed by himself where he saith; In found a booke of the Genealogies of them which came up at the first with Zerubbabel, Ieshua, Nehemiah, Mordecai, and others.

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And againe, the same man returned to \* Ierusalem , in the two and thirtieth yeere of the said Kings raigne: whereby we see, that this Nehemiah was in the first yeere of Cyrus, and thirty two of Artaxerxes, for to admit (as Petrus Galatinus hath done) two Nehemiahs, two Zerubbabels, and two Mordecaies, seeing the scriptures approue them not, were to make two Moses, two Samuels, and two Davids.

And that Wehemiah lived to fee the end of the Persians raign appeareth by his mentioning of the high priest Iaddua, and of Darius the Fersian.

And that this was the same Darius, whom Alexander ouercame, and the same Iaddua before Nebe. 13.6.

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fore whom Alexander fell downe to worship that God, whose name he saw ingrauen in the golden plate of his high Priests Miter (besides many christian writers) losephus the Iew in his eleuenth booke of their antiquities, doth euidently declare, whereby the supposed long continuance of the Persians time is bounded within the limits of one mans life, & some part of that also spent before they aspired to their Imperials Crowne.

But against this, some object that Nehrmiah in his olde age might live to see Iaddua borne heire to the high Priest-hood, and so record him. And that Iaddua likewise might be very olde when he met and told A-

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lexander that \* he was the man of whom Daniel their Prophet prophecied, that should destroy the estate of the Persians.

But to the contrary we see by Nehemiah himselfe, who in the thirteenth chapter, & twenty eight verse of his book saith, that one of the sonnes of Ioiada the sonne of Eliashib, the high Priest, was sonne in Lawe to Sanballat the Horonite, whom he chased from him.

And who that sonne was, sosphus in the foresaid elementh book of Antiquities tels vs to be Manasses be other unto saddua the high Priest, who had married Nicazo the daughter of Sanballat; for which marriage (saith hee,) he was expulsed by his brother from the Altar.

\* lotephus antiq Iude. lib.
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Whereby we see that Nehemiah sawe not onely Iaddua of yeeres capable for the dignitie of high priest-hood; but also his younger brother Manasses, a man married, and of yeeres sefficient to serve at the Altar, which must bee twenty sive at the least, as the law for the Leust enioyned in Numbers eight twenty source.

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And that Sanballat likewise (though the wicked come not to halfe their dayes) might see both the beginning & ending of the Persians raigne is apparant; for he being of policie both able to hinder the worke of Ierusalems building, and to entrappe Nehemiah the builder, must bee of age answerable to his designes, and therefore of

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And the same Sanballat lived to affist Alexander in his surprise of Gaza, after hee had overthrowne Darius in the last battell. And that Nehemah, and Sanballat were of like age and equall yeeres, the said \* lo-sephus seemeth to averre, testifying of Nehemiah, that hee was laden with age, and that Sanballat two yeeres after the taking of Gaza died, being very old.

But that no longer continuance then foure hundred and ninety yeeres, may therein bee granted, let vs measure them from the first to the last, by the lines of the high Saints mentioned by the Euangelist St.\* Matthew: where wee finde Ioseph the husband of Mary, to bee \* Infephantiq. Ind.bel.lib.xx. cap. 5. & cap. 8.

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7 Lut. 2, 24.

the tenth in discent from Zerubbabell, a Prince of Indah in the first yere of Cyrus: and that Ioseph lined to the y twelst yeer of Christ is apparant, yea to the thirtieth by the testimony of Sundas; who saith, that Ioseph was but newly deceased when Iesus was chosen a priest for the Temple.

The many yeeres then, and the few successions therein contayned, inforce the times continuance no longer then source hundred and ninety yeeres. For euen in that number, each of these ten generations must successively have their Sonnes borne vnto them at sifty yeeres of age or not much lesse.

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like number of yeeres (euen foure hundred and ninety, by the scriptures sure account) were expired betwixt the gouernment of Samuel, and the captiuitie of Ieconiah, in the eight of Nebuchadnezzar Babeis King. And in those yeeres wee finde recorded by our Euangelist 2S. Luke, likewise twenty generations from Nathan the sonne of David, vnto Neri, the father of Salathiel in the dayes of leconiah, King of Iudah: but to give these latter ten generations more yeeres by many, then the former twenty did passe through in their lines, standeth nevther with course of nature, nor hath example in those last times of closing vp the Scriptures records.

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\* In his treelike Genealogy printed in Anno 1555.

These ten Fathers therefore so enforce Daniels seventy Seuens limitation, that some (who extend them to more yeeres ) have thought the Euangelist St. Matthew hath omitted certain discents in his record. And \*Tilemanus Stella aduentureth to faine fiue men more into that Catalogue, whom he nameth. Hananias, Phaltias, Ießeiah, Raphaia, and Arnaim, onely to draw those yeeres to a longer account. But we must not admit any fuch faynings, lest in giuing that liberty against the facred Record, the authoritie thereof be infringed, and the literall text turned to serue any turne.

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Let this then suffice for their vses in the sacred Chronicle: wherein I vrge them no surther, then the text it selfe doth inforce; and againe appeale to the consciences of their oposers, whether any of these, are the vaine Genealogies whom S'. Paul condemneth, and so proceede forward to their surther vses,

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The seeming hard Knots of the Scriptures Genealogues, unloosed.



T is the faying of an ancient father, that the Scriptures are a Sea,

wherein the \* Lambe may wade, and the Eliphant swim: God so ordering his word, as it is made sufficient for all, For who the humble and meek, therein is meat given to feede vnto life, and vnto the wise,

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wife, wisdome to vnderstand. But to the high conceited, and naturall man, for reach is so deepe, as he hardly can comprehend what a spirituall motion is, according to the example of \* Symonides, who still doubled the time to make answere what God was.

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\* In his aniwere to Hiero King of Syracula. Tull, lib. t de natur. Deor.

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found deepenesse is found, as may make vs with the Apostle to cry out and fay co the depths of the riches both of the wise.lome and knowledg of God how on searchable are his Iudgements, and his wayes past finding out. I meane not onely in that mistery, that God would become man in the flesh and be amadelike unto us, c sinne onely excepted: but in them also, which were procreated according to naturall course, and breathed their beings as all others did.

d Heb. 2.14. co cap. 415

Profound deepenesse in the tacked Genealogies. For if wee looke into the Kingly line of Christ, or into the other collaterals of Indaha and other tribes, we shall find such diversities of Fatherhoods, as may cause vs with

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mouthes, and admire the purpose whereunto God worketh.

Not to mention then the first age or long life of man, wherein some saw sine hundred yeeres before they were Fathers (though the peopling of the world stood then more vpon necessity) sudah is the person of eminent note: who in the space of forty three yeeres saw himselfe (after a sort) a great Granafather in his fourth discent.

For Phares might have beene the sonne of Shelah, as is seene by Thamars discontent, for that shee was not made his wife, hee then being of yeeres sufficient for mariage.

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Hezeon, Aram, Aramadab, & Wasffin, law each of them threefcore yeers before they were fathers.

And Phares we know was the father of Hezron, who was one of the seuenty that went with lacob into Egypt : and from the yeere of Iudahs birth vnto this of the descending into Egypt, were no more then forty three, as before is proued by Iofephs age; accounting two yeeres more for the births of & Er and Onan, that died in their finnes. A matter strange, and yet is againe exemplified in \*Salomon, Achaz, & Amon, Kings of undah, each of them fathers at as young yceres.

But let vs observe the next generations following namely, Hezron, Aram, Aminadab, and Naasson, the last three of these being borne in Egypt,

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and the time no lesse then two hundred and fifteene yeeres, by which account, they could not be fathers, before each one of them attained vnto threefcore yeeres of age, though Nasson , (as truth is) was aboue twenty at his comming out of Egypt, Num. 1.3.7. And that he died in the wildernes, is manifest by the text, where it is said : h Among them that were to enter Canaan, there was not a man of them whom Moles and Aaron numbred, when they numbred the children of Israel in the wilderne fe of Sinai: for the Lordhad said of them, they Shall surely die in the wilderne fe.

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row Salmon, Boaz, Obed, and Iesse, all of them Fathers, not much younger then Abraham was, when Isaac was borne, and \* Rachabs brest as drie to give suck, as were Saraes when thee bare her Sonne.

For from the first yeere in the wildernesse, vnto Salomons Temple, were yeeres foure hundred and eighty. 1. Kings 6.1. and David was borne but feuenty foure before the foundation thereof was laid: for he was thirty when he began to raigne, and raigned forty. And ink the fourth yeere of Salomon that worke was begunne; by which texts, these foure were each of them Fathers at an hundred yeeres old: for among these foure, foure hundred

dred of yeeres were runne,

Gods purposes therefore touching the vnusuall courses of begettings in these ten generations must be admired, and the depthes of Seriptures therein searched, according to the precept of 1 Christ, who affirment that m Heaven and Earth shall passe, but not a iot of his word ever perish.

In the fearch whereof many learned have diligently laboured to vnfold the mysteries in the sacred Genealogies, as I acob did to vncouer the well in Haran; and doe make these (as all others are) a meanes to with-draw the vaile from before Moses his face, that Christ in them may be seene sonne of promise aboue all

The purpose of God in these vanituall begettings must be conssidered,

1 loh.5'39. = Mas,5.18.

· Gen. 29.10.

\* Exod.34.33.

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naturall meanes or hope.

No apparant promile was made of Christ to any father betwixt Indah and David.

For none of the Fathers betwixt Iudab and David, receiued fuch pregnant promifes of the Melliah, as the former Patriarkes before them had done: neither was there any Prince Captain, or Indge of any of Christs parents in that first established gouernement, that might allure expectation: whereby the world might perceiue a farre greater glory was to proceede through them, then either worldly pompe, or meanes of naturall procreation could beget.

Which thing also was not more manifested in these his Fathers, then it was made apparant in most of his mothers according to the flesh; who

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Such were Rebecca and Lea. whorstroue for their husband dalliance for no wanton doubtles, but \* to be faithfull Mothers of that bleffed Seed. So likewife \* Rachab and Ruth, left their Countrey, and abandoned their kinreds, to become Mothers of the Melliah. And in the rest, wee may see nature (as it were) both oppressed, and quite dissolued: for did not the dry wombes of Sara and Rachab (as hopelesse of conception) force nature? theads of Thamar, and " Bersheba (as they were committed) offend nature? And the conception of the most bleffed

9 Gen. 32, 26:

r Gen. 30.15.

\* Rab. Simeon cited by D. Wilet vpcn Gene.; 8.

\*S. Ambrofe of these mothers taith; They onely desired to baue issue by that choica family.

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\*Gen.38.14.
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bleffed \* Virgin, wholly diffolue & breake nature? when her most happy wombe was made the Tabernacle of God, and Cradle of Christ.

Vpon whose conception and birth, learned Era mus paraphraseth thus, As Christ in the first time was promised to the Virgin Euah in Paradise : 10 Christ in the fulne se of time was borne of the Virgin Atary in Beth lechem: which fignifieth the house of bread. And that he was they bread of life that came downe from heaven, himselfe declareth, and was broken for our finnes, the whole Scriptures sheweth: Lord thereforegiue vs beleefe, that wee may eat with him in his kingdome of glory.

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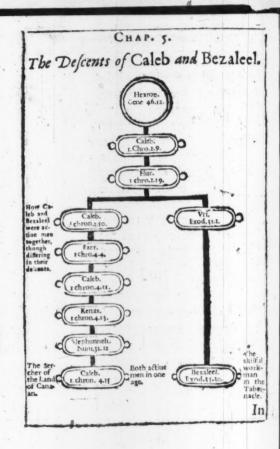
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Another meditation arifeth in other families of Isdahs tribe, so deep and doubtfull, that \* Hugo de St. victor, thinketh it a question vndissoluable, and without further fearch fo leaueth it; which is, how Caleb of Hezron at forty yeeres old, could bee either Grand-father vnto Bezaleel the skilfull workeman in the Tabernacle, or the searcher of the Land at the same yeere and time : He being the fifth in an equall equipage pararellifing Bezaleel; and both of them borne in Egypt from Hezron of Iudah, and active men together in the wildernesse, whose diffents for more plainnesse I have here set downe to eyefight.

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In this descent then, whether the first Caleb, the sonne of Hezron, and great Grand-Father vnto Bezaleel, was the land-searcher; or the last Caleb, removed fro Bezaleel through so many degrees, and both of them active men together at one time in the wildernesse, hath beene much controversed, and many opinions maintayned with variable judgements, concerning these men, and their pedegrees brought from Hezron of Judah.

That the Lands-fearcher was the great Grand-father vnto Bezaleel; Rabbi Salom, a great doctor of the Iewes, bringeth a strange and vnexemplified discent vnto Bezaleel: for(saith hee) \* Caleb at eight

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\* Rabbi Soloweb citedby D. Willet vpon Exed.chap.3 1.

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eight yeeres old married his first wife Azuba, who died the first yeere of her marriage, and in his ninth, hee tooke Ephrath, otherwise called Miriam, the lifter of Moses, for bis second wife; of whom in his tenth yeere was borne Hur: and Hur in the tenth yeere of his own life begot Vri, when Caleb was twenty one yeeres old; an dVri in his nintb. begot Bezalect; Calebthen being thirty, and Bezaleel ten, when bee began to frame the Tabernacle; at which time Caleb was forty yeeres old.

But how many ouerlights are in these his sayings, is soone perceived: for that Caleb should have (not a childe, but) children, as hee is said to have by Azuba 1. Chron. 2.

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18. hee being but eight yeers old, is vncredible: fecondly, that Azuba should been mother of children, the dying the first yeere of her mariage, vnleffe they were twinnes, which is not apparant, is vnpoffible: thirdly, that Caleb, aged but nine should take to wife Miriam the fifter of Moles, thee being about ninety, is not agreeable: for thee was elder then Moses, and of discretion to call her mother for his nurse, when the \* daughter of Pharoab found him in the Arke of Bull-rufhes; fince when, we know fourescore and one veere to be fully expired. To make her then a mother at ninety, and to beare a Sonne in that barren age of her life, is fo

\* Her name was Thermu. thu, faith Iofe. pous Ant.lib. a cap. 5. Ch. 5. Geneal. of Caleb and Bezaleel, recociled.

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Miriam the wife, and not the mother of Hur.

fo vnlikely, that \* losephus will have her not to bee the mother of Har, but the \* wife of Har, and mother vnto Vri, his fonne, which is far more probable, their yeeres agreeable and fit for marriage.

For Hur was in the same degree from Hezron of Iudah, who went with Iaeub into Egypt, as Miriam was from Kohath of Leui, one of the seventy that descended also for Kohath begot Amram, & Amram, Miriam fo Hezron begot Caleb, and Caleb, Hur.

flourthlie, that Hur and Vii fhould be either of them Fathers at ten yeeres of age, is vnexemplified in scripture, though Genebrard allow, that Haran might bee father vnto

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And lastly that Bezaleel should have the advantage of Christ by two yeeres, to bee as skilfull atten, in the worke of the Tabernacle, as y Christ was at twelve to build the true Timple, when with admiration here opposed the Doctors, and expounded the Law.

These impossibilities therfore our ancient Lyra well perceived; but in seeking to redresse them, hee sell into as great an error himselfe; in denying that these men, Har, Vri, and Bezalech, mentioned in the first of Chronieles, chap. 2.20. were not the same that were spoken of in Exad. ch. 31. but \* were other men of the same name, and of the same

7 Luk. 2. 46:

\* Lyra herein not to be followed.

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tribe. But so to expound the text, is dangerous, lest a liking liberty loose thereby the ioints of the holy scriptures frame, and to give the water that passage, the breach will be great.

\* Vetab. Ano. tat. vpon 1.Cbre.4.15, \* Vatablus in his annotations, and Cumanus Flinspach in his Area Dei, doe take Hezron to be Iephuneh, and so confequently, the first Caleb the sonne of Hezron, to bee the same Caleb the son of Iephunneh, and the great Grand-father vnto Bezaleel. But therein then must bee followed all Rabbi Salomoh his errours, for Calebs forty yeeres age will inforce it so.

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ther of Caleb the Lands-furueyour, is by the text manifestly contradicted: for Hezron was borne vnto Phares before that I acob went downe into Egypt; and in Egypt, Hezron begot his sonne the first Caleb, before hee was threescore yeeres of age as 1 . chron. 2. 2 1, by which account that beethe Lands Caleb, must needes have beene an hundred fifty fiue yeeers old in the first yeere of the wildernesse: for in Egypt the 2bode was two hundred and fifteene, as before wee haue Thewed. But a Caleb the fonne 1. Chro. 2. 18. of Iephunneh, the lands-fercher, was then but b forty yeeres old; blob 147. whereby it is euident, thefe Calebs could not be one & the fame, but two feuerall men.

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Now as it is impossible for the first Caleb, the great Grand-Father vnto Bezaleel, to be the lands searcher; so the last Caleb beeing the seuenth in descent from him, and the fift in degree after Bezaleel, ministreth matter of much seeming difficultie; for that both of them at one time, were imployed in most serious affayres.

As touching Calebs succeffors, I know there are many doubts made, some making but two Calebs, some three, and some foure: and the first and last, having either of them a daughter called Achseh, doth no whit lessen the doubt.

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the immediat sonne of the second Caleb, or the immediat sather vnto the third, may seeme doubtfull: As also Kenaz having no such pregnant testimony, eyther of predecessor, or successor, as may inforce (it may bee objected) there is no certaine descents betwixt the Lands searcher; and the equalising of the skilfull workeman Bezaleel.

To which may bee answered, that although Exer be not so precisely named a sonne, as some others are, yet is hee said to be of the sonnes of Har, in the first of the Chronicles, the sourth Chapter, and the fourth verse, and neerer to him by any of his sonnes he cannot be, then of Caleb, who was his elected.

Doubts anfwered in the pedegree of Hezron.

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dest sonne, as verse fiftie: so that the many descents, in so short a time, will warrant him to be Calebs sonne.

And for the other objection of doubt: thus I answere; If the Kenezite, Numbers 32 verse 12; bee not the immediate sonne of Caleb, and the immediate father vnto Iepbuneb, then more of his samilies must come betwixt, and so the last Caleb should be further removued from Bezaleel, and a more impossibility imagined.

But to vnloofe this feeming hard knot, and to approue the truth of a cotinued succession, let it be allowed to suppose the ages of these men when they were fathers, and especially of

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him vpon whom refteth the greatest doubt; so shall wee force neither breach of succesfion, nor finde fuch impoffibilities as haue beene alleaged.

Admit then Hur to bee twenty yeeres olde when hee begot Caleb, and Caleb twenty when hee begot Ezer; Ezer twenty when hee begot Caleb; Caleb twenty when hee begot Kenaz, Kenaz twenty when hee begot Iephuneh; Iephuneh twenty when he begot Caleb; and Caleb wee know was for- class. 14 .7. ty, when he fearched the land; all which yeeres beeing added together, make one hundred and fixty.

Returne to Hur in his other issue, and admit Hur to be se-

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uentie when hee begot Vri; Vrito bee fixtie when hee begot Bezaleel, and Bezaleel thirty when hee wrought vpon the Tabernacle: which yeeres likewise being summed together, come also to one hundred and fixty.

How Calch & Bezalad were men in one age.

Thus then you see this rough way made smooth, & nature no whit forced in neyther line; for that fonnes were begotten both at younger, and elder yeeres through many descents in those times, as wee haue already seene. And that Basaleel should be thirty, is most agreeable to the Lawe of the Leuites, who at & thirtie were chosen for services in the Tabernacle; and therefore most likely that at those yeres hee

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he was chosen to worke in the Tabernacle:

Now feeing wee haue the true Tabernacle which is not & Heb. 3.3. made with hands, and are heires of that Canaan whose rest is perpetuall; let vs study to enter therein, and with thankes offer our facrifices vnto him who is the first, and the last, in every leafe, and line of the Law. For of him, through f Romit 1.36. him, and for him, are all things that are written, to whom be all glory for ever, Amen.

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T resteth now to shew, that through these holy Genealogies, G O D became

man, and that Christ (the word before all things) was in mans loynes inclosed, till the a fulnesse of time came, that God sent his sonne to be made of a woman.

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in whom our election was fealed, before the foundation of the babbef. 1.4. world, was first promised to our first parents in Paradife, after their tafte of the forbidden fruit of death, when likewife the Serpents malice was quailed by this fentence, . 1 ( 50.3: wil put enmity between thee and the woman, and betweene thy seed and her seed. He shall breake thine head, and thou falt brufe fed to the fa his heele. And that this her feed then promised, was the very Messiah to come, both lewes and Gentiles have acknowledged, the Fathers looked for. and the Patriarkes beleeved in.

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meth at no other marke befides him, the onely omega of all our hopes. For leaving the state-affaires of the world, as the breeding of Kingdomes, Principalities, and the like, they directly lead vs to the birth and of spring of Abras ham , whereof Christ was to be borne : and vnto him eight seuerall times was promile made, that in his feed all the nations of the earth should be bleffed. Vnto Isaac his sonne the same promise was confirmed in the same wordes, with this addition, that God would curfe them that curfed him, and would bleffe them that bleffed hims.

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vnto Indah the Lion that f Gen. 49,10. should weld the Scepter; to Dauid hee was the Sonne that was his & Lord; and to Efay the h child upon whose soulders the government was laid: To faithleffe Abaz hee was the fonne of a Virgin; and to the backe-fliding Iewes a figne that k a woman (bould compasse aman. Briefly, vnto his elect, he was, and is the Rocke of Salwation , and vnto his Zion the corner flone tried and precious. These, and infinite more promiles of the Messiah are most frequent in the scriptures of God, which were all accomplithed in Christ the Emannel with vs, whole natural fathers were as great a cloud, and as Being in many witnesses to shew the Luke 10.1.

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truth of his humanity, as were the Euange and Disciples that wrote, and were sent to preach his Deity, being sitted for that worke, as was the golden crowne-worke vpon the edges of the incense Altar, and leade our paths into that way of truth, as the siery Pillar did light the Israelites remoueuings.

But our ouer-much negligence in these holy genealogies, as also in the double discents legall and naturall, of 1esus our Lord and Messiah, hath greatly hurt both our owne cause, and hindered the Jewes from embracing the Gospell.

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That hee came of Danid, both they and wee agree, and that he was King of the lewes, we acknowledge, and they have granted but by what right to the Throne, resteth the questio. They hold him from Salomon by birth and naturall succession: we naturally from Nathan, and by a legall right, the next heire to Salomons Kingdome, his owne posteritie being vtterly extinct.

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It is no blemish to the godly to haue their errors resormed. In the mentioning whereof, let it be farre from me to blot with the least imputation the faire remembrances of any painefull father gone before vs in the Scriptures explination, from whose bright torches wee must confesse our dim candles haue been much enlightened, and by whose labours our studies are inriched,

both with Arts and wisdome; but rather with the Bee, let vs worke the hony out of euery flower, and according to the precept of the Apostle, m try the work by the fire of Gods word.

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The Romanist Iohn Lucidus, deceived by a forged Philo, & Nicholas Lyra, our Countrey-man, corrupted by study of malitions Rabbins, together with Annius, Eufebius, Africanus, and many others, haue in their Gloßes very much intang led the truth of these pedegrees.

For Lucidus allowing that V topian Hebrician, from him doth end the line of Salomon in Ochozias, otherwise called Achaziah, the seuenth King fucceeding, and vnto leconiah the last King of Iudah, doth H 2

A wrong received opinion, that Salomons house ended in Q-6 bo 21.14.

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August. Marlorat.vpon Math.1.12. name althe Kings mentioned by S. Matthew, to be the same men whom S. Luke recordeth from Nathan, whose words thus follow.

The foundation not firm, a tuine must follow: for Kings neuer left their names to bee called as lublects; no occasion so forcing,

S. MATTERVY. S. LVXP. otherwise Simeon. Ioas . Amafia, otherwise Leui. Oziah, otherwise Matthat. Intham, otherwise Icrim. Achas, otherwise Eliezar. Ezechias, otherwise Iofe. Manaffes, otherwite Er. Amon, otherwise Elmodam. otherwise Cofam. Tolias. Icholakim, otherwife Addi. Ieboiachin, otherwise Melchi. Icconias, otherwise Neri.

The like fainings of double names, hee continueth from Zorobabel through the line of Rhefa vnto Eli, the father of Mary, though to litle purpose,

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Eulebius likewise, citing the Epistle of Africanus to Aristides, as ancient as Origen, in these descents of Christ his parents, both by legall mariages, & in double venters of sons, so troubleth the trueth with vn-warrantable inuctions, as may dazel the eyes of the best sighted searcher; his words somewhat abridgd, I wilhere insert.

The \* kinred (laith he) of Salomon and of Nathan is so knit together, by reuiuing of the deceased without issue, by second mariages, by raising of seede, so that not without cause, the same persons are posted over to diverse fathers, whereof some were imagined, and some others were their fathers indeed, both the allegati-

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Africanus ad Aristidem Epistola.

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\* Euseb. Eccl. bist. lib. 1. c. 8.

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ons beeing properly true, though in Ioseph diversly, yet exactly by discent determined. And that that which I goe about to proue, may plainely appeare, I wil declare the orderly succession of this Genealogie, making a recitall from Dauid to Salomon. The third from the end is Matthan found, which begat Iacob, the father of Ioseph, but from Nathan the sonne of Dauid, descending according to the gospell of Luke: the third from the end is Melchi, whose some is Hely, the father of loseph. For Ioseph is the sonne of Hely, the son of Melchi. Ioseph beeing the proposed marke to shoote at , wee must show how either is termed his father, derining the pedegrew of Iacob from Salomon, of Heli

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Heli from Nathan . And first, how Iacob and Heli, being two brethren, the their fathers, Matthan and Melchi, borne of diuers kinreds, may bee prooued grandfathers to Ioseph. Matthan therfore and Melchi, marrying the same wife, begat brethren by the same mother, the law not forbidding a widow either dismissed from her husband, or after the death of her husband, to be coupelled unto another man. First therefore, \* Matthan descending from Salomon, begat Iacob of Estha, for that is (aid to bee her name. After the death of Matthan, Melchi (which is faid to have descended from Nathan) being of the same tribe, but of another race, having maried this widow to his wife, begat

"Not so, for Salomon hath none of his race so named, & Matthan was of Abjud, as Melchi also was, & both of them of Zorobabel fro Nathan.

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begat Helikis sonne. Thus doe we finde lacob & Heli of a different race, but by the same mother to have beene breihren. Of the which Iacob taking to wife his fister the wife of Heli, his brother beeing deceased without iffue, begat on her the third . to wit, loseph: by nature and the order of generation anto himfelf, whereupon it is written. Iacob begat loseph, by the law unto his brother Heli deceased, whose for Ioseph was. For lacob being his brother, rasfed feed onto him: wherefore, neither that Genealogie which concerneth him is to he abolished, the which Mathew the Euangelistreciting; Iacob (faith he) begat Tofeph: & Luke of the other fide; which was the (on (faithbe) asit was supposed adaing

adding this with al) of loseph, which was the sonne of Heli, which was the son of Melchi. And the word of begetting, he overskipped with silence wnto the end, with such a recitall of sons, making relation wnto Adam, which was of God: nor is this bard to prove, or to small pie pose proposed.

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this Epistle: how weake a reconciliation therefore is made of our
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christian judge; & yet in these fainings, he hath bin followed in the
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In this intricate Labirinth who can but lament; where neither Scripture is followed, nor propagation allowed: & how far from truth Eulebeus hath Araied, in this his pretended reconciliation, is euidently feen; namely, in making Melchi to be the immediat father of Heli, and the third from the end in S. Lukes catalogue; when by the said Euangelist it is most apparant that he was the fifth from the end; and not the father, but the great grandfather of Heli: for Melchi begat Leni, & Leui begat Matthat, and Matthat begat Heli, whose sonne in law loseph was.

And how could *Melchi*, being the fifth from the end, either marry *Estha*, the widow of *Matthan*, hee being but the third (as *S. Matthew* inroles him) or be the natural

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rall and next father of Helt, two generations comming betwixt: or how could the issues of double mariages so begot and borne, bee brothers of one venter, twinnes: as Iacob and Heli are said to bee, by the said Estha, and by two seural men; a thing strange in nature, & the like in scripture neuer seen.

And though Lyra from Africanus and Hierome, allow of the double mariages, for the raising of seed to the issuesses, and not Melchi vnto Estha for her second husband, and maketh Heli her sonne by the same man. But in following too neerly the Rabbins, that bring Christ from Salomon, he overrunneth the truth into a dangerous error. For hee would have Nathan to be but the adop-

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ted sonne of David, and the naturall sonne of Vriab the Hittate, borne vnto him by Bathsheba his wife, before Dauid tookeher for his. For vpon Dauids sonnes born in Ierusalem, and I. Chro. 3.5. thus he commenteth. Onely Salomon was Davids naturall sonne, the other three were Vriahs, whom Dauid made his by adoption. So our Lord should come, and take flesh, not of bleffed sem, & beloued Danid, as by the Prophets was promifed: but of curfed Cham, and irreligious Heth, without all warrant of the facred text.

Lyne annotation vpon 1. Cbro.3.5.

But vnto these their assertions, let vs assay the answere, to cleere our Euangelists from the least touch of disagreement.

First then, though Lucidus bee greatly deceived in the ending of

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loba Luci dus deceiued by a forged Philo. Salomons line; yet, touching Nathans right and families, hee hath spoke well, in bringing Ioseph, Many, Zerobabell, and Salathiell, from Nathan, & Nathans issue to be successfours ynto Salomons Crowne.

But in following his forged Philo, he erreth exceedingly in faving that the Kings of ludah, recorded by S. Matthew, are the same men whom St. Luke recordeth by other names. But that Kings should lose the maiesty of their names known at their coronations, and afterward be called by other names of their inferiour subiects, no necessity constraining, as Lucidus affirmeth twelve of Indahs Kings to haue done, is not againe exemplified in the world, & is so far from credit, that neither Turke nor lew wil believe the texts of the old Te-

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But to increase the error he goeth further, and endeth Salomons line in Ahaziah or Ochoziah, without any apparant shew of truth. For hardly shall be found in Scripture a sonne oftner named from his father, then loash is from Ahaziah, as these sixe seuerall texts approue. 2. Kings 11.2.2. Kings 13.1. 2. Chro. 22.11. 2. Chro. 23.3.

The diffolution then of Salomons house was not at Ahaziah, in the seuenth generation as Philo and his followers dreame, but continued vnto the eighteenth, to leconiah the childlesse, as the Prophet promounceth him, whose pede-

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both in the books of the Kings and also of the Chronicle is apparantly laid downe.

Neither hath any lew, the most diligent searchers of the Kingly line, ended that of Salomons, in the said Ahaziah: but rather haue assaied to continue it long after Zorohabell, lest our Christ thould be their king.

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That Salomon finned. wee know by his story, and that his successours were wicked, we see by their acts, but that GOD will bring his house so soone to a period, is not manifested either by speech or by prophecy. And the property of God is, to warne the punishment before he doth strike: for so saith Amos; the Lord will doe!

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doe nothing, but heerenealeth his fecret vinto his fernants the Prophets. But where was heard the found of that threat, that Salomons issue in Ahaziah should end; and the glory of his kingdome should bee given to Simeon, a poore subject, and of another family?

And why fhould it end in Ahaziah, rather then in Ioram his father, who fought the vtter destruction thereof by murthering his sixe brethren, all the sonnes of Iehoshaphat King of Iudah: and many other Princes of Israell, and was himself so diseased in his bowels, as to mans seeming his naturall fecundity was altogether hindered.

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feruation, that when God for finnetaketh his bleffings from the offender, hee doth bestow them upon the more worthy, as he did the birth-right from prophane P Fau, and gaue it to Iacob that prevailed with God: when hee rejected disobedient 4 Saul, hee chose Dauid a man after his owne heart, and when the rebell Abiatbar was put from the Priest-hood, the faithfull subject Zadock was set in his place.

But in this change of state and of persons, wee find no such differences: for loash whom they faine from Nathan, continued the like wickednesse, as they from Salomon had done; and with Cain is

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compared in shedding (as hee had Abels) the blood of Zachariah between the Temple and the Altar, even the blood of him whose father had both preserved his life, and raised him vnto his Kingly estate; which his sinne the Rabbans amplific (in the Treatise of Penance) in this manner.

In seuen\* transgressions I fraell sinned that day, they killed a trieft and a Prophet, and a ludge, and shed innocent blood, and polluted the Court betweene the I emple and the Altar upon the expiation day; and when Nabuzaradan came thither, he saw the blood upon the panement, and asked whose it was: they said; the blood of a sacrificer, a prophet, and a ludge, which prophecied aline in the same in the sa Mat. 23.35.

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gainst vs all that thou hast done unto vs, and wee stood vp against him, and kild him. Then he caused edeighty thousand youths of the sacrificers race to bee staughtered for him. A wicked beginning verily to bee brought into good Nathans line, and no better continued in most of the Kings following.

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For did not " Amaziah set vp the Idols of Seir for his God? King Ahaz made molten images for Baalim, and after the abomination of the Heathen burnt his children in the valley of Hinnon, and sacrificed vnto the Gods of Damaseus. Wicked Manasses built high places for all the host of Heanen, even in the Court of the House of the Lord, caused his children to passe

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paffe through the fire, and fed much innocent blood, y whose y 2 Cbro.33. sinnes so prouoked the Lords wrath, that they are remembred for destruction, vnto his fourth generation. 2 Amon fa-2 2.Kings 2 4.3. crificed unto the carned images that his father Manasses had made, and a augmented his a 2.Chr.33.11. finnes daily more and more. b Iehoahaz was evill the short b 3. Kings 23. time of his raigne, and by Necho was carried prisoner into Ægypt, where he died. Periured c Iehoiakim burned leremy cler. 36,23. his Roule, was captinated by Nebuchadnezzar, drawne and cast forth beyond the gates of Ierusalem, and buried with the buriall of an & Affe. Ieconiah, a d 2. Chra. 36.6. despised and e broken I doll, was e ler. 23.19. kept f prisoner in Babell all his 1 2. Kings 24. life

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life, and by a solemne proclamation was pronounced schildlesse, as the last of that race that should beare rule in sudah. A wicked generation surely for him that hated wickednesse, to proceed from, or the scepter of his righteousnesse to bud from such rootes.

For albeit that Christ came of sinners (as from Adam hee could not otherwise doe) yet hee honoured his earthly fathers with such notes of graces (especially such of them as were noted with outward imperfections) as that their saluations are manifestly seene.

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moued with Abraham from I-dolatrous Vr; Iacob was bleffed, Iudah praised, and Danid beloued; and from Nathan to Mary not any one blamed of any impiety, neither from Abiud to Ioseph his supposed father, but are all called the m High Saints of God, that should possesses a Kingdome for ever.

m Daniel 7.21

And the like wee may affirme of those his mothers, which are set even in the frontispice of his Gospell, where, not any one of the vnblameable are named, as the beleeving Euah; the obedient Sara, the faithfull Rebecca, nor the louing Leah; for these were graced by text sufficient in the old Testament: but even they

The Mothers of Christ, all bleffed veilels

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None of the weomen are taken into Chuifts Genealogy,but those whom the Ceriptures doth reprehend, to thew that he came to laue finners, beinghimfelfe born of finners, faith; Aug. Marloras. Vppon Mat, 1.6.

whose conversations were marked with some touch of infirmity, as Thamar in deceiuing, Rachab in incontinency, Ruth from incessuous Moah, and Bathsheba with wronging Vriah his bed.

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And yet these also, lest their liues should staine the holy line, are noted by the pen of grace vnto faluation. For Tbamar by Iudah his owne testimony, was more righteous then himselfe: Rachab acknowledged the God of I frael, to be the "God of Heaven above, and of the Earth beneath. Ruth (as Abraham) forlooke kindred and Countrey, protesting thato I fraels people should be her people, and I fraels God her God. And that pen which wrot the laft

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Now feeing that this beautifull "Rod of Iesse (as Isai cals him) tooke no sappe from the bitter roots of Indahs Kings, wee must bring the growth

this tree of life in the Garden

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Christ came not of Salomen, but of Nathan,

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7 2.Cor.3.14.

\* Tal.in treat. Sanbedrim ca. Helce.

thereof from another Stem vnto Danid, even from the branch Nathan, as our Euangelist Luke hath recorded. But vpon this Stone the lewes stumbled, and have made it " the rocke of offence, the Ginne and snare to both the bouses of I frael, as their Esaiab hath prophecied, and our \* Peter hath spoken.

For the feely men in reading the old Testament have their minds blinded, and the 7 vayle of Moses vntaken away from before their hearts even vnto this day, dreaming of a pompous kingdome, which they thinke to possesse, and of a potent Messiah \* that should triumph and make subject vnto them the Gentiles on enery

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tide, and promise to themselues as much voluptuous pleasure vnder that earthly Monarch, as the Turkes doe, after death in dalliances with Virgins, and great eyed weomen in Paradise; and that this their daily expected Messiah should come of Salomon, they hold it for a principall article of their faith, and accurse them that affirme the contrary: for thus standeth the twesth Article of their Creed.

A man must beleeue that Christ the King shal baue\*excellency, and dignity, and glory, ahoue all the Kings that ever have beene, as of him is prophecied of all the Prophets from Moses, and who so doubteth of him, or holdeth his honour small, denieth the

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\* Rab. Affer vpon Sanedrom Arti, 12.

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law: for soit testifieth of him in the meaning of Balaams prophecy, and in the meaning of this section; You standall here this day before the Lord your God. Deut. 29.10. Co cap. 30: And this is a rule of foundation that I sraell shall have noking but of the house of David, and of the seed of Salomon: and who so make tha schism touching that family, denieth God, even the blessed God, and the words of his Prophets.

And vpon this opinion of rule and government, Christians also have beene overmuch affectioned, when they bring Christ naturally from those Kings that governed of Salomons line, and make Rhesa the yonger sonne of Zorobabel, and his successors to governe

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For hee being by nation a Iew, thogh by birth English, and baptifed, flood much vpon the outward letter for the glory of his nation. And Nathan, obscure in comparison of Salomon, hee makes more obscure to come from Vriah, as his note hath gone vpon 1. Chro 3.5. Thus onely Salomon was Davids naturall sonne; the other three were the sonnes of Vriah, whom David made his by adoption. His reason is taken from the fourth of the Prouerbs.

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2 Prouerbs 4.3.

uerbs, where Salomon faith; \* I was my fathers some, tender and onely beloued in the sight of my mother: which thing I take was rather spoken of Salomons election to the Kingdome, whom God had chosen, and Danid to Bersheba had \* sworne, that Salomon her some should succeed him in the Throne.

. I. King.1:29.

Lyra thus infected with malitious Iewes studies, and partly following Christians that brought Christ from Salomon, held the Iewish Article touching the Crowne: but otherwise in most of his pains spent in commenting upon all the bookes of both Testaments, he was an excellent Organe, sounding allowd the verity

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of Christian religion, against the erring opinions of the Rabbins, in whose Schooles he had so profited (by the testimony of Tritemius) as that he had the Hebrew language ad unguem.

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But that Christ should come from Danied by Nathan, and his obscure successors, whereof neuer any bare rule but only Zerubbabel, and hee no longer then the Temple was in building, he could not conceiue: neither that leconiah should beget Salathiel, but for his fuccesfor, seeing hee is called his b son indeed, hee could not easily yeeld vnto, the Rabbines fo expounding it, & their Creed so inforcing it; and beeing a frier Minor, and living in none of the cleerest dayes of the

6 11Cbro.3.17.

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\* Bal. Centur. 5. fol.391.

the Gospell, the man is the more to be borne with, whose pains were spent (as Bale hath it in his \* Centuria) when the vnfortunate, our second Edward ware the English crown.

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Africanus and Euseb us their opinions.

And now the affertions of Africanus, cited by Eulebius, (which are, that Tofeph, the husband of Mary, was naturally descended from Salomon, & by intricate mariages, made the legall sonne of Nathan) remaineth to be answered. I call them intricate, for that Iacob and Eli are made brethren, and \* twinnes of one venter by Estha, wife vnto Matthan of Salemon, and vnto Melchi of Nathan: and those halfe brethren likewise marying

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A ftrange invention truly; to bring loseph from leconiah and Salomon; who with leffe paines, and more truth, might haue been found from Zerubbabel, Neri, and Nathan: and stranger it seemeth, that such fearch shold be made, to shew how Christ by nature is the fonne of Danid, and yet neuer to make known his naturall Parents from David: neither can I perceine what necessitie constraineth Toseph to beethe proposed marke of that aime, seeing he is but the supposed father of Christ, vnto whom (excepting his title to the king-

Inferth can be no proposed marke for Christs humanitie, seeing hee took not flesh of him.

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appertaineth.

Either to bring Iosephs naturall descent from Salomon, and his legall from Nathan, feeing he enioyed no possessions appertaining to Salemons crown, nor Mary his wife an inheritrix of any patrimony in Iudea. For which end onely, that law of marying the brothers wife was ordained, and at this aimed, that no c family shold be extinguished in I frael.

It was the case of the daughters of Zelophehad; and the debar of mariage vnto the daughter of Iphtah, was the cause of the e veerly lamentations of the f virgins of I frael, that a family was to faile by her in the tribe of Manaffes.

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c Deut. 25. 5.6.

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But for brethren by the mothers fide onely, no such lawe was either ordained, or practifed; for the son by the man, and not by the woman, euer succeeded in the inheritance, and in the name of the family (excepting such as inherited by the line of the mother, as flair did twenty two cities in Gilead,) and therefore Iacobs sonne by that lawe could not be the sonne of Eli.

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Howfoeuer then Eufebius fauoureth that reconciliation, and wishest others to preferre the same for the agreement of our Euangelists, yet seeing it standeth vpon no firmer ground than that himselfe hath built vpon, we may without preiudice mistrust the foundation.

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No law for brethren only, by the mother to inherit. Baba Barra.

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\* Eufeb. Eccle.

Herod burned the lewes records. For (laith he) \* Herod the son of Antipater, pricked in minde for the basenes of his birth, burned the ancient Records of the lewes Genealogies, supposing thereby to derive himselfe of noble parentage. But certaine men of the affinitie of kindred of our Saviour, travelling from Nazarites and Cochoba (castles of the Iewes) into other Regions, expounded the foresaid Genealogies out of bookes of chronicles, as far as they extended.

But who those trauellers & expounders were, or what authentike warrant those bookes bare, he nameth not, & therefore such testimonies suffice not. Where, to manifest Iofephs sonnesbip vnto Eli, let vs insert the sayings of Rabbi

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\* There was a Maide (faith hee) in Bethlem of Iuda, whose name was Mary, the daughter of Heli, of the kinred of Zerubbabel, the fanne of Salathiel, of the tribe of Inda, who was betrothed to Ioseph of the same kinredand tribe. Where, by him we see, that the virgin Marie was the daughter of Eli, & by her losephis his son; & not by a fecond mariage, or feed raifed to the deceased, but rather by the law of matrimony, as 8 Moses of Leni, was the sonne of lethrothe Madianite, and as

And the same law that made

K 3 loseph

h Dauid of Indah, was sonne to

Saul of Beniamin.

\* The testimony of the Rabbins touching Maries parentage.

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S Exed.3.1.

6 1 Sam. 24.17

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How I fus is made the for of tofeph.

Isleph to bee the some of Eli, made Iesu likewise to bee the some of Isleph; and that hee was so reputed and taken, let the testimonie of the later Iewes witnesse, whereof suidas reporteth in a conference happening betwixt Theodosius an eminent Iew, and one Philip a Christian Marchant, in the daies of Iustinian the Emperour, whose words to this effect are thus.

" Suidas vpon the word Iejus.

\* In the Temple of Ierusalem, (quoth the Iew) there were two and twenty ordinarie Priests: and as soone as any of them died, the residue chose another in his place. Now it happened that IESVS for his singular godlinesse & doctrine, was chosen by them: and to the in-

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tent they might know the name of his father and mother, and regifter it according to the custome, they sent for them; and Mary came thister alone, because ber nushand Ioseph was then dead. And shee being asked the name of the father of Ielus, answered upon her oath, that shee had conceiued him by the hely Ghost, and reported to them the words of the Angel. Moreover, sheetold them the names of the women that came to her labour unlooked for : and vpon due inquisition thereof, whe all things were found to fall out true, they registred his name in the register of the Priests in these wordes, IESVS SONNEOF LIVING GOD, AND OF THE VIRGINE MA-

MARY. Which Register was faued at the sacking of Ierusalem, and was afterwards kept in the citie Tiberias, and I beeing one of the chiefe among the Iewes (saith Theodosius) have there seene it: so that it is not ignorance, that holdeth mee in the Iewish Religion, but the honour I have among my countrimen.

By which, and others their owne testimonies, is euident how Ioseph was the sonne of Eli, by the mariage of his daughter, and how Ioseph by the mariage of his mother; both which were according to the law, and not by any naturall descent.

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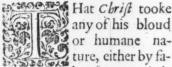
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any of his bloud or humane nature, either by father or mother from Leui, is more then the Scriptures doe warrant, God fo distinctly feperating the Genealogies of Iudah and Leui, for the crowne and the miter, that not any could claime both, by any due

descent. Yet \* some without proofe haue imagined, that

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Christ tooke no flesh from

\* Ranul, Ce-Arensis in Policron. lib.z. CAD. 44.

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Suidas faulty in his opini-

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k Luke 19.47.

Luke 5.34.

Anna the mother of the virgin Mary, was the daughter of a Leuite, wherby CHRIST IEsys (as they affirme) was both King and Priest, in a lineall descent from either Tribe. In which opinion, Suidas is fo confident, that he faith: Christ in the right of Leui, mas chosen a priest into the service of the Temple, and that he, by that authoritie in the Sinagogue at i Nazareth, expounded the prophecie of Isaiah, and at k Iera-Calem taught daily in the Temple. Therein following those, that thinke Mary by the mothers side of Leui, because Elizabet the wife of Zachary, was of the daughters of Aaron, & by the Angels testimonie,1 cofin vnto Mary. But that Mary theretherefore should be of Leui, it proueth not.

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For albeit that daughters which were inheriters, were to bestow themselves ypon men of the same Tribes, lest their mpossessions should bee transferred, or in the yeere of Inbile reverted vnto the inheritance of others; yet in others, and especially those of the kings & priest line, wee finde the practise contrary, & that vertuous women, without breach of this law did mary into other tribes.

For so did "Elisteba of Iudah, match with Aaron of Leui, and Miriam of Leui, vvith Hur of Iudah: "Hezron of Iudah, matched in the tribe of Mannses, and P Dauid tooke Michalthe daughter

Why the law of matrying into their owne tribes was ordain'd.

2 \( \tilde{u}, 36, 3.4. \)

" Exod. 6. 23.

\* I chron 2. 21. PI Sam. 18.

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Genealogies of Christ from Inda, Chap.7. of Saulto wife. The mother of 926br0.2.14. Hiram, a daughter of a Dan, maried her fecond husband out of the tribe of Naphtali: 1 Kin.7.14. and Ichoiadathe high priest, of Leui, maried 1 lehoshabeath, the 1 2 chr. 12. 11. daughter of King Iehoram of Indan: which thing had it bin vnlawfull, these godly persons. wold neuer have done it. And the oath had been needlesse which the Ifraelites made in \* Indg. 21. 1. Mixpah, that i none of them should give their daughters to marry with the Benianites, if the law of God had debarred tribes from mixtures before. Vpon this warrant there-Elizabet was fore Elisabet must bee held a from Inda, & not Mary tro branch from Indah, & not the Leui. bleffed Mary to be a bud from Leui: whose husband and parents

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rents were all of them knowned to be from David & luda: neither did the Pharifees, vvho daily waited occasions against Christ, euer cauill at his kinred or tribe, otherwise then calling him the sonne of a Carpenter, a Seducer, and " a friend to publicans and sinners.

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But to satisfie Suidas, & such as thinke that by his grandmothers line he might supply the office of a Leustein the Temple, let vs here what Rambam writeth concerning their Customes, who recordeth the Canons that the Iewes observed their Synagogues thus: 1. Onely a \* Leuite must offer the Sacrifice. 2. But any of I frael might expound the law. 3. The expounder must bee an eminent man, and Met.11.19.

Rambam a converted Iew vnto Christianitie.

\* The Cufloms of the Tewes recorded in their Canons.

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of great estimation. 4. He that expounded, might not leane upon any pillar, deske, or bord. 5. Neither must any read, untill the master of the Sinagogue had commanded him. 6. He that was to read, was to open the booke, to reade the text and to roule up the booke again. These observances done, the people with filence attended the exposition; vpon which customs doubtlesse, S. lames spake, when hee said, \* that Moles of old time had in enery city the that preached him. beeing read in the Sinagogue

\* A ts. 19.21.

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Genealogies of Christ not from Leni. and as his custome was, bee went into the Sinagogue on the sabboth day, or flood up for to read. And there was delivered vnto him the booke of the prophet Esaias: and when hee had opened the booke, hee found the place where it was written. The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he bath annointed mees to preach the Gospell to the poore, bec wath fent me to heale the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captimes, and recovering of fight to the blinde, to set at libertie them that are brused. To preach the acceptable yeere of the Lord.

And he closed the booke, and hee

gaue it againe to the Minister,

and sate downe: and the eyes of all them that were in the Sina-

gogue were fastned on him.

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And hee began to fay unto them, This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your cares. And all bare him witnesse, and wondred at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth: And faid, is not this Iosephs fonne?

Note here how many things of the Hebrews traditions our Lord then obserued; hee stood vp to read; the booke was delivered to him; hee opened the booke, and found the place; he closed the book; and the eyes of all that vvere in the Sinagogue were fastned on him. Thus we fee by many circumstances that our Lord read, as any of I frael might, as well as Leui. So Paul and Barnabas, the one doubtleffe of Beniamin, though the other were

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were of Leui, both at Antioch, and neither of them knowne for Apostolike calling, were destired by the \*\* Rulers of the \$y-nagogueto speake wordes of exwortation after the reading of the law.

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If Suidas then had observed this text, or had knownethis practise in the lewes Synagogue, hee would never have thought that a min by the line of his mother, might bee accounted a Leutte, or by that right, vie the function of a Priest. And whether Hismeria the mother of Elifabet, that bare the Baptist, and Anna the mother of the bleffed Virgin, that bare Christ, were Sifters; and both of them the daughters of Isachar a Lenite, (as fome

-x Ranul ihres Cetrengian Polychron, lib. 3 cap 44.

a lobn 14.30.

b 2. Sam 6.6.

c 2.Chro.26.19.

\* some affirme ) is not canonicall, and therefore I hold it no Article of faith.

For Christ, that was to fulfill all righteoufnesse, so came, and carried himselfe in his office, and actions, as in that fearching age a the Prince of the world could find nothing amife in him; and the seuere punishments shewed vpon them, that estaied to beare both the Scepter and Censure in one hand, might have staied their pennes, that make this Prince of Iudah to be a facrificer from Leui.

For see we not the death of b Vzzah, onely for touching the Arke; and the leprofie of · Vzziah for attempting to burne incense; both of them of

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But that Christ was a Priest, we deny not; yea, our great high Priest, which made are

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\* 10feph. Antiquit. lib.13. &

\* Ioseph. bel. Ind.lib.Leap.

\* Ioseph Antiqueta, lib. 18. cap 2.

d All.23.8.

c 1. Iobn 2.2.

Chap.7. Genealogies of Christ from Indah, conciliation for the sinnes of the whole world, wee acknowledge him; yet after another order then Aarons was, and of anothertribe, then that of Leui, cuen of the tribe of Indah, and 1 Hcb.7. lorder of Atelehifedesk: for it is enident, saith the Apostle to the Hebrewes ; that our Lord forung out of indah, concerning which tribe & Mofes fake no-# Heb.7.14. thing touching the Priesthood: In which his office hee continueth a Priest for ever, and in whom likewise the government of his peace was prefigured: fo as in his person alone is accomplished the attributes that I aish and David give, the one prophecying of his Priesthood, and the other of his Kingdome thus: Touhe

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Touching his Priest-hood, faith Ifatah; h The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hash annointed meeto preach good iidines to the mecke, hee hath fent me to bind up the broken harted, to proclaime liberty to the Captines, and the opening of the pri-Conto them that are bound. And of his Kingdome, faith David; I Thy throne O God, is for ever and ener: the Scepter of thy kingdome is a right Scepter; thou lonest righteensnesse, and batest wickednesse: Therefore God sky God hatbannointed thee with oile of gladnesse abone thy fellowes: Lord seale them both by thy spirit in our hearts, that with thee wee may raigne k Kings LApoca.6. and Priefts, as himselfe the true witneffe, hath promised. Chap. L 3+

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That Iesus was the right heire to Salomons Crowne, and lawfull King of the Iewes.

Christ his sight to Salo. mons Crowne is diversly inferred.



Alomons house ending in Ieconitab, according to the Prophets, and Derubbabel of Na-

thans family made Prince of Indah, the right that Christ had to Danids Throne, is ditterfly from them, by our holy Euangelists inserted: for S. Ma-

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thew from Salomon, Ieconiah, Abind, and Tofeph, legally interesteth lesus vnto Dauids Crowne: but S. Luke naturally from Mary, Eli, Rhefa, and Nathan, ascendeth to the first man Adam, to shew him the Emanuel according to the promile: both of them breathing from one, and the fame spirit, that Christ is David's finne, and Indahs King, the expectation of the Gentiles, and the hope of Ifraell: and how manifest that is, the Scriptures declare.

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4 2.Sam.7.14.

And albeit this house and King-

Kingdome in their spirituall meaning, were built, and established in, and by Christ; yet literally they were performed in Salomon, whose works were so glorious, and peace so famous, as they were sigures of the true substances following.

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But that Salomon sinned, is manifelted by his story: for his wines turned away his heart after other Gods; when hee suffied the worshipping of Asteroth the Goddesse of the Zidonians, Milcom, the abhomination of the Amorites, Chemosh, the idoll of Moah, and Malech the Diuell of the children of Ammon. For which cause God did chastice him, by the rebellions of f Hadad the Edomite, of Rezon King of Damascus, and

Christ the piricuall Temple.

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of his feruant h Ieroboam, that rent his Kingdome after him, and carried away ten tribes.

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Gods hand, that corrected his offences, but his i mercy he took not from him, as he had promifed; whose saluation notwithstanding these his great sinnes is confirmed by these many, and more testimonies of scriptures: He loved the Lord 1. Kin. 2.3. and is likewise called, the Lords belowed. Nehe. 13.26. His Iedidiah. 2. Sam. 12.25. Hee pleased the Lord: 1. Kings 3.10. was a true Prophet: 1. Kings 8. 48. a figure of Christ: Luke 11. 31. and a repentant King, as his booke Ecclesiastes sufficiently sheweth.

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most part were extreamely wicked; for of nineteen kings of Indahs throne, fro his loyns discended, twelue are noted to bee extreamely impious, who often prouoked, and lastly procured, the vtter subuerfion of that glorious king dome, which whilft it stood, was the glory of the earth, and a figure of the Celestial that is to come. The want of iffue then which failed in Ieconiah, was the Rod wherewith God scourged him and his Kingdome: and how that fell out, let vs fee by the Prophets.

The first rent then of Salomons Kingdome, may bee saide to begin in his owne life time, when Ahij ab the Shilonite rent the new garment that k leroboSalomons poflerity extreniely wicked.

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tam ware into twelve pieces, retaining onely two, and delivered him tenne: by which was fignified, the tenne tribes that God would take from Salomons Throne and Sonne, and gue them vnto this Ephrathite the Sonne of Nebat.

Who no fooner was made King, but that hee set vp two golden Calues, the one at Dan, and the other at Bethel, for his people to worship; lest in returning to Ierusalem, I their harts should returne to the Lord, and their subjection vnto Rehoboam. With this his sinne all the Kings of Israel were polluted, onely Shallum, and Hospeah excepted; for with that sinne they are not charged, though otherwise they were

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even unto the head, their prophet E fay found no foundnes, but wounds, and swellings, and fores full of corruptions: wherefore hee threatneth, that their Country should be desolate, their Cities burnt with fire, and their Land devoured by Strangers.

\* ESGY 1.6.

Holheah compared the princes of o Indah, to them that remooned the bound, and their

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Genealogies proone Christs Chap. 8. goodnes to the morning clowd or dewe, that goeth away. P Princes, faith Micah, build up P Micha 3.10. Zion with bloud, and Ierusalem with iniquitie; the best of them is as a Brier, and the most righteous of them is sharper then a thorne. Her Princes, faith Zephaniah, 9 are as roring Lions, 9Zeph.33. her Indges are as molnes, ber Prophets are light and vaine per-Sons, and her Priests have pollated the Sanctuary, and wrested the Law. Ieremy complained that their faces were as flint, and that neither (mall nor great, regarded Gods sudgements. And Ezechsel was sent to f a rebellious people,

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For Iehoahaz the younger brother, beeing anointed king, after three moneths of wicked raigne, "Necho captiuated, & caried into Egypt, (vvhere he died) inthroning Iehoiakim the elder brother in his stead. But the King of Bahel growne great, \* Iehoiakim becam his sub-iest for three yeeres, and then rebelled. Wherupon the Land began to seele the tyrannie of the

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· 15aba.1.7.	Prophets. For Habakkuk tearmed them a bitter, furious, and terrible Nation, whose horses were swif- ter then the Leopards, and more
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b 1046.5.16	on, and had the lawes of a great Lion. Ieremie called them a bmighty & very strong Nation, whose Quiucr was an open Se- pulchre. Exechiel saw the tops
c E 746.17.3	of the Cedars of Libanon broken
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Of whose successor, crown, and kingdome, the Prophet Ezechiel surther speaketh, when Nabuchadnezzar (after he had captivated Ieconiah in Babylon) had set his vncle Zedekiah vpon Iudahs throne. Thou Prince of Israel (saith hee) polluted and wicked, whose day is come when iniquity shall have an end, Thus saith the Lord God, I will take away the Diademe, and take off the Crowne: this shall be

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no more the same: I will exalt the bumble, and will abase him that is hie. I will ouer turne, ouerturne, ouer turne it, and it shall bee no more, untill hee come whose right it is, and I will give it him.

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Thrice is the earth named, to warne attention that I econiah should die childles: and thrice is proclaimed the ouen urning of Salomons crowne, and reuering it to another family.

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thiel, jaith the Lord, and will make thee as a Signet: for I have chosen thee Jauh the Lord of Hosts.

If seven thunders of wrath should found the period of any posterity, how could they bee lowder or plainer, then thefe vniuerfall speeches pronounced against Ieconiah, o earth, earth, earth, heare the word of the Lord, write this man childlesse: Or the change of state in any kingdome, then this of Zedekiahs crowne; I will overturne, ouerturne, ouerturne it, it shall be no more the same. Or what could be more distinctly said, who should be cast off, then this of Iechoniah by name, a vessel vvithout pleasure: & who chosen Gods Signet, than Zerubbabel.

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rubbabel, that built the Lords Temple, and brought forth the head's from thereof with (bouts; crying, grase, grace. Let vs then that have eares to heare, heare what the Spirit hath spoken of Indahstemporall Crowne; and speaketh of him vnto whom it spiritually belongeth.

Behold, the daies come faith the Lord, I will raise vnto Dauid a righteous Branch, and a King shalraigne and prosper, and shall execute indgement and instice in the earth. In his dayes I uda shall be saued, and I srael shall dwell safely: and this is the name whereby hee shall be called, The Lord Ovr. RIGHTEOVSNESSE.

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thundred out before, and like vnto the still voice that spake to m Elitab, after the tempest of winde, earthquake & fire, had rent the rocks and mountains in peeces.

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This righteous Branch then, must not be brought from Salomons Stem of wicked kings, nor from the halfe bloud of Achab, by his daughter Athaliah that died in their sinnes, seeing that both roote and branch were cut off in Ieeoniah, and all threats of destruction, as well to the house of Israel as Indah, accomplished, when the want of issue in him was declared to the world.

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these words are not meant for a childlesse posteritie, but for a Seed that should not inherit in the fathers possession: for thus Dauid Kimchi comments vpon this text, Write him childlesse: If Ieconiah had sons (saith hee) they died in his life time; if hee had none, then should hee have none to governe: for not Salathich his sonne, but Zerubbabel his nephew, ruled in Iudah after him.

And the threats in the law of a childlesse posterity, they expound in the same sense: for where it is said, "Hee that syeth with his Aunt, or with his brothers wife, to uncouer their nakednesse, shall die childlesse: That is meant (say they) that a seede so begot, shall not inherit the patrimony.

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For childle fe in the Hebrew, from the roote marar, is Gnamar, which wordes is vied foure times in the old Testament, & lignificth one rooted up, or one who hath not in himselfe a roote for heires of his own body. A decper fignification by much, the the want onely of an heire for inheritance; as in the answere of Abraham to God is apparant, o What wilt thou give mee (faith hee) feeing I goe Gnahari, childlesse? and the Steward of mine house is this Eliezer of Damalous : behold, to mee thou halt ginen no feede, and loe, one borne in my house is mine heire. Heere it is most manifest, that his speech was a coplaint for want

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\* Rabbi lochanan cited by Ma Bro. in inanuscript.

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bel a Signet upon Gods finger. \* Rambam also in his Treatise of Repentance, bringeth in leconish for an example who (faith he) was a signet pluckt off, and in Zerubbabel was a Signet placed againe. And Kimchi the Spanish Iewe, is so farre from hauing him die childle Je, that he will have the word Afir in I chro. 3. 17. to be the proper name of a man, and that man, Ioconiahs sonne.

9 Efay 9.21.

But let vs fee how & Ephraim herein fighteth against Manaffes, and Manaffes against Ephraim: for this was a principall point

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point held of the ancient Rabbins, that repentance could not put back a decree made with an oath. And the Babylonian Thalmudin Sanedrin, expoundeth Asir for a restraint or prisoner, and not for the proper name of a man. Moreover, their Sedar olam zuta, affirmeth, that it was but the Rabbins report, that Salathiel was the naturall sonne of Ieconiah. And Kimchi, with Salamoh Tarchi, vpon the 12. of Zachary confesse, that Nathan there named, was the sonne of David, who should not have beene mentioned as a principall man to Zerubbahel, vnlesse he were of his family.

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For Aben Ezra in his prefaceto Salomons Song, calleth the Messiah, Salomon, because (faith he) hee should be the sonne of Salomon, as from David hee is called " David, the Prince everlasting. But had that Rabbin confidered, that no fuch promiles were spoken concerning Salomons fons, nor that Prince Danid there named, was named before that Salomons house failed in Ieconiah : hee might have known how Christ had been Salomons sonne. His fonne he was indeed, as a King and Succe for, but not as a man; as his heire to his crowne, but not of his loynes.

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For Augustin Marlorat faith that Asis, Salathiel, Melchiram, Phedaia, Senneser Icchinas, Flofamia, & Nadabia, were the sonnes of Icconiah in Matth. 1,12.

that Christians also had not been so forward in following the Rabbins heerein, and in vrging the text of S. Matthew in Ieconiahs begetting of Salathiel, somewhat too naturally; as Lyra, Lucidus, Annius, Messeus, & many others have done: who leane so waightily vpon the outward phrase of bezetting, that the maine prop of Diminitie is thereby ouer-burdened.

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For they by S. Matthew, & the first booke of Chronieles, would make a liniall and naturall succession from Ieconiah to Salathiel, as the Rabbins have done; & would continue Salomons line vnto Ioseph, the husband of the virgin Mary, without breach of succession. The words

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words of either texts are these, in the Chronicles thus, And the fonnes of leconiah, Afir, Sala. thiel his foune. I chro.3.17. And in S. Matthew, thus, And after they were brought into Babylon, Ieconiah begat Salathiel. Mat. 1.12.

But if speeches heere spoken must bee taken in a procreating sense, then was Zedekiah, as well as Salathiel sonne vnto Ieconiah: for in the first of Chronicles, chap. 3. ver. 16. thus it standeth; And the sonnes of Ioachim, Iecontah his sonne, and Zedekiah his sonne. Which Zedekishin the verse immediatly before, is faid (as truth is) to be the \* some of losish. But \* tere.37.1. in the second of Chronieles he is called the brother of Ieconi-

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second of the booke of Kings, he is faid to bethe brother of teconiab his father. 2 King. 24.17. So that by these places, hee is both uncle, brother, and fonne to Ieconiah, and yet all of them true, either in nature, inheritance, or Juccession. And if these feeme not strange in him, nor that line, why should Salathiels somethip be so naturally vrged in Mathew, whom S. Luke cleareth to be the Son of Neri: and fo doth Zachariah in naming y Nathan for a chiefe family of Danid.

y Zecha 12.12.

The purpole wherevnto S. Matthew driueth, must be confidered. And that S. Matthew meant no otherwise of begetting then of heires to Salomons crown, appeareth by himselfe, who in recording his successors, sol-

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loweth neither an naturall succession, nor an exact descent. For he maketh soram to beget Ozias, whereas the Chronicles tels vs, that Oziah was the immediate sonne of Amaziah, and was four descents after soram, his great Grandfather, who died 64 yeeres before Oziah was borne.

So likewise he faith, that Iossas begate Ieconias; who notwithstanding was his Grandchilde, and sonne vnto Iehoiakim, the second sonne of Iosiah.

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And in casting of his Catalogue into three fourteene generations, wee see another intent, then a continued succession: for though the first division is so in account, yet in the fecond, foure are omitted; and in the last, leconiah (before reckoned) must againe be accounted, and the virgine Mary included, to make vp that number.

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And that the Euangelist spake of the heires of the trown, and not of the kinreds in bloud,

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it further appeareth, in that hee ascendeth by the legal line. through Tofeph, abind, Icconiah, & Salomon, no higher the vnto Abraham, who first of the Fathers had promise either of king or lingdom: wheras S. Luke, our other Enangelist, in the naturall line, by Mary, Eli, Rhefa, & Nathan, ascendeth vp vnto Adam the first man, to whom the promile was made of Christ his bumanity. Both which together from David downeward (that the eve may witnes what the purpose was of the holy Ghofts pen in the hands of thefe Scribes) is here in this enfuing Table expressed, to sight so plaine, and for truth fo firong, that ca man running, may read, and imbrace it with faith.

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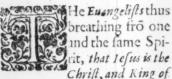
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Chap.9.

Genealogies agree

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How the Enangeliss agree, in recording Christ to bee the some of David, and heire of Salomon.



the Iewes, S. Matthew from Salomon, Ieconiah, Abiud, and loseph, prosecuteth onely his legall and princely line: wheras S. Luke, leaning the legall, followeth his natural, without

mention of any of them in Mathew (belides Salathiel and Zerubbabel) as in this Table is euidently seen. And both of them with the former prophets agreeing, that in his person alone met all the promises that God had made for his son Christ: and so carry themselves in making him heire of all; as no discord is heard in their heavely sounds.

But that the a spirits of the prophets may bee subject to the prophets, and the text not forced to a b private interpretation; let us see how Salathiel is brought to bee a some to seconiah by law, and by S. Matthew: whom S. Luke maketh to be, by nature the son of Neri: upon which seeming disagreement, rests the supposed diffe-

The Euangelifts in their true meanings differ not.

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The affirmation of S. Mathew is, (taking his record out the first booke of the Chronieles) that d Ieconiah begate Salathiel, with this addition annexed, After they were brought into Babylon. In which place, as . leremy tells vs, leconiah liuing, Affir a captine the space of thirtie feauen yeres, euen to the last of Nebuchannezzer, was in the first of Euil-merodach, King of Babel, taken out of prison, placed amongst his Princes, and mainetained in kingly estate to the day of his death.

When having no iffue of his own body begot, Salathiel his necreft kinfman must needes be his heire, as the law required,

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required; for thus by Moles it standeth written; f If a man die Numb. 27.8. and have no fonne, then yee shall turne his inheritance unto his daughter; or if he have no daughter, yee shall give his inheritance unto his brethren; and if he have no brethren, ye shall give his inheritance unto his fathers bretheren; and if his father have no brethren, ye shall give his inheritance unto his kiniman, that is next to him of his family: and this shal be unto the children of I frael a sta. tute of indgement.

In this state then stoode 1econiah, without fonne, without daughter, without brother, without oncle, or fathers brother: and therefore by Ieremy was proclaimed a childlesse man. When, according to the prefcript

The next of kin mutt in= herite by the script of the law Salathiel, his necrest kin/man was declared his Successor, and in that sense is he called his some, who was by nature the some of Neri, as S. Luke in recording the natural line hath laid downe.

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Salathiel thus made a sonne in succession, his owne succesfor likewise is said to be his Some: which was Zerubbabel his grand-child, the sonne of Pedaiah, as I Chronicles 3.19. But the said Pedaiah dving in Babylon before his fathers adoption; & Zerubbabel made Prince ouer the people returned, hee is therefore called the sonne of Salathiel: and in the bookes of Ezra, Haggai, and Zechariah, where the gouernment is touched, Pedaiah

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ahis ever omitted; and with the like filence, for that cause is ourrpassed by both the Enangelists. \* Lyra vpon Mathew iudgeth that his mention was smothered with the roles of Genealogies which Herod consumed, \* when hee burnt all the princely pedegrees of the Kings of Indah, intending thereby to deriue himselfe of some great parentage; as (faith he) by the Same combustions, the old Testament is silent from Abiud to 10leph, either for names or actions: onely the bookes of the Macchabees are some stay for stories of those times.

This silence then ouershadowing Abiud and Rhesa, by those names vnknown in the old Testaments record, are

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notwithstanding by the learned, judged to be & Meshullam and shelomith, the fons of Zerubbabel therein mentioned, whose Genealogies, as now they stand in our Euangelists, escaping the flames of Herods deftruction, were preserved, they thinke, by some faithfull Iem, or else were received from God by holy reuelation, as many other things were at the comming of Christ. Which later opinion liketh some well, vvho make a symptome betwixt the first age, and this last, thus, As the first Fathers were renealed by Gods own oracle vato Mofes, without president of writ: so the last Fathers, by the same Spirit, were renealed wnto the Euangelists, without any prescript of

of record: which notwithftanding seemeth rather a shadow then any shew of truth.

But by what warrant foeuer they wrot, this is most certaine, that their Records vvere neuer contradicted by any Pharife, Seribe or Priest, then lining, who daily waited occasions to impugne their doctrines: which thing in that age then yielded vnto by the most malicious sewes, may not now without offence bee called in question among vs the beleeuing Christians.

And that the formes of Zerubbabel continued a race of posterities, the Rabbins themselues seeme to auerre; who in their Commentaries (as some have observed) about that

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Chap.g. Generalogies ugree \* Daurd (in case of succession) \* Aug. Marlorat voon Maordained, if Salomons iffue faithew cap. 1. led, then the posterity of Nathan, his other fon by Berfbeba should Succeed; which in Zerubbabelit did: and those great Doctors, dailie expecting their King that should come with such power, vidoubtedly kept the \* De Plefie in \* Genealogies as carefully for true Reli. c.29 the times following, as they had been diligent observers of the families before. But to the purposes of the Enangelists. . S. Mathew recording the beires of Indahs crowne, afcendeth, as is faid, no higher then Arabam, vnto whom the first promise either of king or kingdom was given : for when God meant to make him the glory of men, and had a called him 6 G.Re. 17.8.

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from Vr of the Chaldeans, had shewed, and given him the Land of Canaan, this further he affured, that his Seede fould be in number to the farres of heanen, and in multitude as the dust k of the earth: and that Kings (hould proceede out of his loynes, and Sara his wife should be a mother to kings of people. Now, as in I saac the seede was called, so in " I udah the Scepter was established, which whilst it stood vpright with God, was the glory of the Earth, & their Temple the very gate of Heauen.

But when all Religion was turned to an outward worthip, & Salomons Throne made a "denne of theeucs, looke what was done to "Shiloh, must bee done to Ierusalem: for Christ

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not his forme by nature, but by law, the opinion of some is not to be approoued, vvho make the same loseph to be the naturall father of sames the Apostle, surnamed the lesse, and affirme that he begot him on a former wise: grounding vpon that text of S. Paul, where sames is called the Lords brother.

Vnto which conceit \* Eusebius seemeth to leane, and Cestrensis \* alleageth, but not alloweth; for then had sames both by birth right and parentage been King of the sewes, and the title vsurped, and improper to lesus, who was but sosephs legall son. For the right resting in soseph from Abiud, the eldest of Zerubbabels sons,

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' Galat.1.19

\* Eufeb.eccle. bift.li.2, cap.I.

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y Math. 2,2.

\* Mark.15. 12 a loba 1.49. lobn 19.19. c lebn 18.37

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must likewise descend to Iofephs eldeft fon; otherwise, the x law debarred the claime, and Christ was to accomplish euery iot of the Law.

But that Iefus was the most lawfull king of the lewes, the Starre shewed, the Wife-men fought after, the Scribes and Chiefe Priests 2 confessed, 2 Nathanael affirmed, b Pilat confirmed, chimselfe granted: and the malicious Jewes to hinder his right, could name none but & Cafar, a stranger. Therfore S. James could not be the for of lofeph, nor lofeph haue any iffue of himselfe, that so his legall fon lefus might have his title by lam.

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Hierom against Helmidius declareth, and the viuall customs of the Iewes sheweth, who cal not only any of their kindred Brethren, but them of their Country and Tribe; as Alofes did the e Striners, and as they of Iudah were f brethren to the Israelites. And the Mother of this Apostle S. Iames, beeing the Sister of Mary the Virgine, as Marke faith shee was, chap. 15.40. and with her beheld Christ upon the Croffe, as John faith thee did, chap. 19. 25. could not then be a former wife vnto lo-Ceph the Carpenter: but vvas the wife of Alpheus, and hee, not loseph, was the father of this Iames, as Saint Luke recordeth, chap. 6.15. By which then

c Act.7.23.

\* Nicht.Lyra, in his notes vpon Gala.



Mary a perpetuall virgin. then his neere consanguinitie, hee was called the Lords brother; and not from Ioseph by a former wise, or any similitude or likenes that he had vtno Iesus, as \* Lyra saith hee was, both in face, and lineaments of body.

And vpon this ground that Ioseph had no issue of his own body begot, is built the perpetuitie of Maries virginity: who beeing blessed aboue women, doubtlessed had not beene subject to the curse of barrennes, had Iosepheuer known her as his wife. And the child so begot and borne, had been heire to Iudahs kingdome in the right of the father, Iesus beeing but some to the mother, nor she any wise interested vnto Sala-

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2 Matb.1,19

5 Ezec.44.2.

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k Luke 1:32	that should sit vpon k Danids
	Throne, and that King of I fract
	whom the people expected,
9	wee fee apparantly recorded:
	for in the right of Sonne-fhip, he
1 3421.17.35	was I free from tribute, yet paid
	he the pole-money to avoide
	offences, was affaied by the
= lohu 6.15.	people to be made in King; yet
	would hee not meddle with
	Magistracie, no, not betwixt
	brethren: with shouts was fol-
n Iohn 12.13	lowed, and faluted " King of
	Ifraet, but meeke and lowely,
	riding vpon a young Affe.
9 Ishn 18.36	And al to shew that his o king.
	dome was not of this world, and
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To this purpose then Saint Mathew wrote, that the King promised to Abraham, and found of the Wisemen, was I Es V s of Beth-lehem, of Iudah, and Dauid; the some of Salomon touching succession, but taking no slesh of his impious successors.

But the drift of S. Luke, our other Euangelist, was to shewe that God became man in Iesus the Emmanuel, according to the promise made of him in Para-

Ie/us by many circumstances accounted King of the Iewes.

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The Scriptures are full of a promised Messiah, and as sully speake that from Adam, Abraham, Isaac, Iacob, Iuda, and Dauid hee should come; To Adam hee was promised the Seed of life; to Abraham, the sheire of the Couenant; to Isaac, the Seede in whom all should be blessed; to Iacob, the Starre and Scepter of Israel; to Iudah, the Lion that none might surre up; and to Dauid, the Sonne that was fairer then the children of men.

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His offices were figured in the person of 2 Melchisedec: of him Mofes meant, when hee spake of the 2 Prophet, & b 106 acknowledged him for his Redeemer; losbuah saw him a Captaine of the Lords Hoft; Gideon, the d Angel that promised deliuerance; and vnto Samuel, he renealed himselfe: and in all the ensuing Prophets is so cleerely foreshewed, as the Sun shewes no greater brightnesse in his greatest strength: Vnto whom (faith Peter) f we doe well to take heed, as unto a light that hineth in a dark place. untill the day dawne or the daystarre arise in our hearts. Therfore let vs heere behold, how GOD hath reuealed his Christ vnto them, and how they have

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E Heb.11.40.	frame of Saluation standing so ioynted, as & they without us cannot be made perfect.  First then, Isaah saw him
h <i>Efay</i> 714. i <i>Efay</i> 53.	the Emmanuel, and b Sonne of a virgine, i wounded for our tranf- gressions, and broken for our ini- quities, wpon whom the chastile-
	ment of our peace was laid, and by whose stripes we are healed. Ieremiah calleth him the
k lere. \$2.5.	k Lordour Righteousnesse, the King that should execute instace, and the Righteous Branch rassed to David.
Ezek. 34.23.	And Ezekiel tearmes him the Shepheard that should feed, and the Prince that should raign, even the servant David.
m Dan,2.34	Daniel law him a " Stone cut without hands, a finisher of sins,

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a maker of reconciliation, a bringer of enertafting righteoufnes, and a Sealer up of vision and prophecie; and exprestly nameth him Messiah, Prince most holy.

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I sel sheweth, that the v Spirit in his daies should bee powered out upon all sleep, that their sons and their daughters should prophecy, their old men should dream dreames, and their young men should see visions.

Amos prophecied, that in the daies of this Messiah, the I Tabernacle of Dauid that was saine downe, should be raised up, and the Breaches thereof built, as in the 2 Dantel 9. 24

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9 Amos 9.11.

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* Obadia 1, 21	who shall be saued, shall come to
	Mount Zion, and that the king- dome shallbe the Lords.
- 1	Ionas in the whale, was a signe
Ions 1.17	of Christ in the Grave.  Micah foreshewed whence
Micab 5. 2.	the Ruler of Ifrael (bould come, whose goings forth had been from
	the beginning, and from enerta-
	Nahum bids vs behold vpon
" Nabum 1.15	the Mountaine " the feet of him
	that publisheth peace.
× Нава.3.3.13	Habakkuk tells vs, that * Sal- uation came by the Annointed,
8	whose glory concreth the Hea- uens, and the Earth is full of his
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and every man shall worship him from his place, even all the Iles of the Heathen; and with pure language they shall call upon his Name, and shall serve him with one consent.

Haggai sheweth, that the Lord would fill his last house with greater glory then the sirft: wherein should be peace; (a sigure of the true Temple Christ) vnto whom the desire of all Nations should come.

Zechariah sheweth 2 Christs triumphs to be poore, riding upon a Coit, the foale of an Asse: and his b wages as poore, even thirty peeces of silver: a goodly price (saith hee) to bee valued at by them, for him, vuhom they had pierced, and for whom every familie should mourne apart, as one

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a Zecha.g.g.

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that mourned for his onely Son.

And Malachi the last Propiet; closeth up the Old Testament for Christ with this stying; Behold, I will send you Elijahthe Prophet, before the comming of the great and fearefullday of the Lord. And he shalt wirne the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the Earth with cursing.

The Eusingelifts beginne where Malschi lequeth. And with this Elias the Euangelists doe begin the New Testament in the birth of the Baptist, whose office was foreshewed by the Angel before his birth, that in the spirit and power of Elias, hee should goebefore, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

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Which in the fifteenth of Emperour Tiberius, Pilat, Herod, Philip, and Ly funias being Governours, and Annas & Caiphas high Priests, accordingly he did: when, in preaching the Baptisme of Repentance, his voice (from I (aiah) c cryed in the wildernes, prepare jee the way of the Lord, make his paths Avaight: every valley (hal bee filled, and every Mountaine (babbe brought lowe, the crooked Ball be made straight, and the rough maies shal be made (mooth, and allflesh shall see the saluation of GOD.

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And that this Baptist vvas the Elisab there meant, Christ himselfe witheffeth, that the Law and the Prophets spake vnto Iohn, and that Iohn was

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the Elias which was to come. Who more to manifest his function, in many things refembled the former Eliah.

Their s Diets were strange, and both in the h wildernesse; their Garments haire, & their k Gradles of Leather; their reprehensions free, without respect of person; and a both confirmed by voyce from heaven.

This Ambassador Iohn then, beginning his sunction at the Baptisme of Christ, declareth him to be the P Lambe of God, that taketh away the sinnes of the world. Testifying of himselfe, that he was the forerunner unto him; that should baptise them with the 9 holy Ghost, and with fire.

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And with this Lamb of God, John the Enange ift beginneth his Gospel: shewing him to be the word, that was with God in the beginning, by which the world was made, and without which, was made nothing that was made. Init was Life, and the Life was the light of men. This woord (faith he) was made flesh, and dwelt among ws, and wee saw the glory thereof, as the glory of the onely begotten Sonne of the Father, full of grace and truth.

This Sonne of God, S. Lukes pen sheweth to be Iesus, the Seed promised in Paradise, to the espoused virgin Eua, & borne at Beth-lehem of the betrothed virgin Mary, according to the Prophets, recording betweene P. them,

r lobn 1.1. Christ began his function at his Baptilme. them, all his naturall fathers, from Hely to Adam, whom he calleth the Sonne of GOD. By which tearme Sonne, through them all, he proueth that Iefus was the Christ of whom Moses wrot, and the Prophets spake.

The recenciliation of S. Matthew and S. Luke.

The purposes therefore of the two Euangelists being thus observed, their reconciliation is easie; namely, that S. Matthew, following the interest that lefus had by law onto Sa lomons Crowne, recordeth his title thereunto from fuch kinds and perfors, as excepting his legallright for fuccession, he in no wise tooke flesh, or by nature came. And in that sense of Succession, bringeth Christ to be the some of salomon. But S. Luke, purpofing to produe Christ

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S. Mathem by a legall right, bringeth Christ from twelve as wicked Kings as the Earth bare, when they bare Iudahs Crowne. But S. Luke, by his naturall parentage, deriveth him from the boly Seed, and high Saints of God, that should possesse Gods kingdome for ever.

S. Matthew, in his legall right of Succession, bringeth Christ from Ieconiah, that neuer had child, nor any of his seed euer sate vpon Iudahs throne. But S. Luke, by his naturall fathers, deriveth him fro

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Efay 6.13.

Genealogies agree Chap. 9. Zorobabel made the Ruler of Indah , and Signet upon Gods finger. Saint Matthew bringeth Iosephthe son of lacob, to be the lamfull heire of Indahs Crowne, from Abind the eldest sonne of Zorobabel. And S. Luke recordeth Mary the daughter of Heli, to descend from Rhefa, a Of Zorobabels younger fon of Zorobabel, who bons, came foth the faioyning in mariage with 10ther & mofeph, hee became the supposed ther of Christ. (but indeed was) the legalifather of lefus, and Mary vvas made bleffed among voomen, when her virgins wombe was made bleffed, and the word was incarnate in that fanctified Tabernacle. Thus our two Enangelists, uncovering the Arke wuherein this

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this Manna was kept, by shewing the Messiah in his Nature and office, looke face to face, as did the two " Cheruhins vpon the x Mercy feat of the holy Oraele, both of them founding the fame thing, that lefus was the Emanuel: and with their well tuned y Harps (fet to the straine of the Patriarks and Prophets) Thew Christ to bee the Lambe of God, flaine, to take away the fins of the world; and the Lion of Iudah, z crowned wwith Salomons Crowne: who hath obtained a more excellent ministry, then that of the Tabernacle, by how. much hee is the Mediator of a better Couenant. Heb. 8.6.

Great therefore is the a mysterie of Saluation, that GOD was manifested in the steps, iu-

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" Exed.25.20
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a 1 Tim. 3.16

Genealogies vaine. Chap. 10. Affed in the Spirit, Seene of Angels, preached to the Gentiles, heleened on in the world, and receiued op into glory. b Happy are b Pfal.2.12. they that believe in him: And bleffed are they that are not ofc Luke 7.23 ffended in him. CHAP. 10. A touch of some Iewish and vaine Genealogies, which binder the truth of Stories: against whom and the like S. Paul warneth. Auing thus fliewed some principall vses of the facred Genealogies, and therein

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have vrged no more then the Scriptures inforce: it followeth by order and defired fatiffaction, that some-what bee spoken of their forced abuses, falling under the check of the holy Ghosts pen.

That there are Genealogies endlesse, which with sables breed questions, rather then godly odifying, the Apostle sheweth: and among foolish Questions, Contentions, and voranglings about the Lawe, ranketh Genealogies that are unprofitable and vaine. And vpon these texts some presume so farre, as they thinke themselues freed from the search of all Genealogies: and others demand, whither saluation consisteth vpon their

Vaine Genealogies.

a 1 Tim.1.4.

b Titus 3.9.

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Chap.10. Genealogies vaine. pregnant knowledge, or damnation vpon the ignorance therein. That we are not freed from

c Iobn 5.39 .

The Genealogies of the Scripture not forbid.

their fearch, the commaundement of Christ doth inforce. who enjoyneth the e fearch of the Scriptures, and the reading of Moles, in whose writ, and by whose pen, we find all the Patriarks recorded from Adam in Paradife, to Iosbua the Captaine that placed the Tribes in the Land. Whence the writers of the Chronicles, of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Ruth, continue their memorials vnto Zorohabel: and thence likewise by the same spirit, they are recorded to Toleph and Mary, & euch vnto Christ Iesus himselfe.

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contradict Moses, beeing brought vp in his lawes dat the feet of Gamaleel, & should condemn those for foolish, which he maketh the pillars of his ftories, may not be consented vnto; neither that in his Apostlethip, hee should account the fearch and knowledge hove Christ was come in the flesh, for vaine: feeing among the many graces of the lewes, for c adoption, glory, Couenants, the cRom, 9 4. Law, seruice of God, and the promiles, himselfe sheweth, that Christ from those f Fathers, came and tooke flesh, vrging the doctrine of his humanitie in most of his Epistles, & putting his Disciple Timoshy in minde to remember that Iefus Christ was made of the & Seed of & 2 Tim. 28. Danil. And

S. Paul did not contradict Mofes.

d Act. 22.3.

f Rom . 1 . 3 .

Chap.10. Genealogies vaine. And that the Scriptures are of an equall esteeme, the Rabbins (in that thing onely commendable) affirme, who hold these words in Genesis, h The Gene. 10.6 Connes of Cham were Culb and Mizraim, with the like vviledom from God, as these words in Deutronomie, ' Heare Ifrael, i Deut.5.6. Ichonahour God, Ichonah is one: Each text of being both of them breathed Scripture of equall authofrom the same spirit. And FILLE. Rambam witnesseth, that Manalles was of old time condemned, because he held, that the Families of \* Isomael, Elan, \* Rambam cited by H. Bro. and fuch like, had not the like M.S. vle for histories, as the others had; and therefore hee forehad the reading of Mofes, as bookes not penned by the wifedome of God. Buz

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But how true so euer this acculation is of Manafles, most certaine it is, that the Rabbins, and others their like, haue fained many and so false Genealogies, as might very well moue the Aposile to forbid their abuse. For in the first vvorld they feine, that Noah the righteous, tooke to wife Naamah, the daughter of the double wiued Lamech, and fifter to Tubaleain: so should not onely that holy Patriark sinne with the k sonnes of God, in choosing a wife of the daughters of men, but the later world also, should be replenished from a branch of that curfed roote, Cain.

Dinah the daughter of Iacoh, having no husband in the Scriptures recorde, they marry The Rabbins feinings too too große.

k Gene. 6.1.

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\* Baba Batya.

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\* marry to lob, the great man in the East, though she was elder then his afflictions by an hundred and seuenty yeeres. Also good Thamar that got Iudah vnto her bed, they make to be the daughter of Melchisedeck, king of Salem, who died ninetie seauen yeeres before Iudah was borne.

Ruth.

So likewise Ruth the Moabite, having no father named in Scripture, nor Eglon king of Moab any daughter, Rabbi larchi & others, faine Ruth therefore to bee daughter to King Eglon.

Keturab.

Keturah likewise, the second wise of Abraham, the Rabbins wil haue to be the same Hagar that had borne him Ishmael, \* lest incontinencie should be

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imputed vnto him, for marrying another woman, hauing known Hagar before. And from the fonnes of the faid Keturah, they bring both Balasm the gentile Prophet , and 1 Queene Sheba, that came to heare the wisedome of Salomon.

1 1 King 10.

As also doubtlesse from the Rabbins, the Christians, Origen and Chrylostom, from the faid Balaam do bring the \*wife men, that from the East followed the Starre unto Christ: and so Dorotheus and Epiphasius, make Ionas the Prophet to be the widowes sonne of Sarepta, vvhom Elias raised from death.

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named in the Scriptures; they make them to be some other samous men, by other names. So Ethawthe Ezrathite, the author of the 89 psalme, Kimchi and I archi, assirme to be Abraham, because that psalme goeth before the psalme of Moses the man of God; and because Ezrathite may be translated Orientals.

" 1 King.4.31 " M.B.in M.S.

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\* Efay 8.2. \* Iere, 26.23. So m Chalcol and Darda, whose wisedome \* Salomon is commended to exceede, they feine to be Moses and Aaron: Elihuthe Buzite, to be Balaam: Ibsan to be Boos: and Putiel to be Iethro. So likewise the forenamed Rabbins, Kimchi and Iarchi, make Vriah mentioned in "Esay, to bee the same man that o Iehoiakim slew, though there

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there were an hundred and twenty yeeres betwixt. And Zechariah mentioned in the same Prophet, to bee the same Zechariah that with Hazgai prophecied after the returne from Bahylon, betwixt whom were aboue two hundred yeeres.

But the writer of the booke Tobit, falleth into farre greater finnes, in making an Angel to be of the feed of man; as hee affirmeth Riphael to acknowledge his kinred from Azarias and Ananias, men well knowne unto Tobit; contrary to the doctrine of the vuhole Scriptures, which teach that Christ Iesus, the great Archangel, tooke mans nature upon him; & that the Angels have

Zechariab.

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P Tob.5. 12,13

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neither flesh nor bones, but are ministring Spirits, to attend his Elect.

VVhich blasphemie, the blasphemous Rabbins further teach, in affirming that there shold come two \* Christs, the one of Dauid, and the other of loseph: vpon which ground they build, who say, that hee whom the lewes crucified, vvas not the same man that had been borne of the virgin Mary; but another in his similatude & likenesse.

In the contrary extreamity, I would to God Christeans had not offended, in denying Christ to be the Messiah mentioned in Daniel the ninth, a text most pregnant, shewing his office of redemption, in a-

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\*Rib.Moses vpon Judges, cited by Da Plessie in true Reli.cha.30.

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For whereas the Angel Gabriel in the first yeere of Cyrus, and last of Babels seanentie, was fent vnto f Daniel to declare | Daniel 9, 14. the present liberty for his people decreed, & to assure a future, and fuller by the death of the Mesiah determined, after the expiration of seventie times feauen yeeres: they deny the words to be meant of lefus the fon of Mary: and rabbinically apply the text to other purpoles and persons; vvhereby a stumbling block is laid before the blinde lewes, and an vnchristianlike testimony left of Christians Indaisme. For more

Daniels text wronged.

\* Lyuelie in Persian Manarch. pag. 236.

A strange affertion yearly.

\* Pag. 203. \* Pag. 170. to shew contention, then truth or religion, in a booke of that kinde thus it stands written:

\* Of all the places in the old Testament, touching the com ming of Christ, whereof there is great store, that versein Danie. (meaning the 24 of the ninth chapter ) is most excellent and cleere : yet withall, I deny (faith the author) that by the name of Messiah in the verses following. Christ our Saniour is understood; for neither the true account of yeeres will suffer it, nor \*shelext of holy Scriptures beare it. And therefore he \* pitieth. that the message of an holy Angel, containing a most excellent prophecy from Gods owne mouth. should be so perwerted and depraned asit hath been, by those that

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But in what sense himselfe would have that text vnderstood, heare himselfe, & onely himselfe speake, in commenting vpon these words; The Governour to come. A come Gouernour (faith he) \* I call Presidem aduenam, a Deputie Stranger, called heer in the original NDT TIZZ a Ruler which is to come: for in the times before the destruction of Ierusalem by the Romans, there were two Rulers of the Citie, one of their owne people, a lew by profession and birth, after their manner \* annointed to the Government of the Common wealth amongst them, heere named in the verse afore going משיחוגיר the annointed Prince: the other, a Stranger, appoin-

\* Pag. 175.

\*That can neuer bee prooued. appointed Deputie by the Roman Emperor, called KITATI a Ruler not borne in the Country, or one of the same Nation, but a Stranger come from another place.

But is it not a greater pitie that learning should thus turn edge vpon Divinitie, and that the prophane lying Olympiads, should bee made the onelie Staies of the Dinine chronologie; and more credite giuen vnto them for the time of the Suns course in the heavens, then vnto the heavenly oracle of an Angelfrom God, for the time of his Sonnes death. Or that those men, whose charge is to teach all Nations that the kingdom of God is come in his Christ, should take their authoritie for

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for the time of his comming, from such heathen recorders, as neither knew God, nor were regarded of God in the time of their ignorance, as the Apostle witnesseth.

Whose fabrick is found to be but a Babell built vpon fand, and their Inventers, restorers, maintainers, & followers, are vnto the truth, as 7 the way of a ship in the waves of the Sea, or as the flight of an Eagle in the ayre, the tract vvhereof can neither bee followed nor found. For see we not Thalles, Castor, Phlegon, Pausanias, Plutarch, Diodorus, and others, fo much differ in themselves, & each from others; as the fupporters of that tottering foundation, must beare as great a 03 weight

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vaine and vncertaine Olympiads, is but roued at from Hercules that aimeles mark. Their neglect remained to the daies of Lyeurgm, the tenth from the founder: their restoration was by I phitus of Elis. But fet the centers in the circles of these times where ye can find them, and their celebration superstitioully vndergone, to cease a contagious pestilence, or rather to shew, that from a pestilent beginning, a pestilent infection should corrupt the world. Their Counseller yvas Apollo (the instrument of Sacan) their reward was a garland

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land of \* spider swebbes, (a fit, refembler of their weake and vncertaine vses, wouen in the boughes of a wilde Olive and fruitlesse tree, (foreshewing, it feemeth, the wilde and barren fruit they should bring): and the Gamesters crowned with popular praise of men, & not with the crowne of immortalitie, for which the Apostle counselled the " Corinthians to = 1 Cor.9.25. ftriue.

Are these Games then (the (inuention of the dwell) fit links to limit the Angels speech, for the faddest action that the world euer faw? or shall it be pitied, that these divelish imposed Olympiks, may not bee heard, against the angelicall account of Gabriel, for the true

\* Likevaro loos builders, c. 8.14. or garments made of their webs. which cannot couer their owne weauers, Elay 59.

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chronologie vnto Christ his fufferings, and for the ending of the Iewills ceremonies, which was delivered then vnto the beloued Daniel, & now behoueth al men to know. To whose sacred records, let all those profane Olympiks stoope & giue place; and let vs meafure vnto Chrift, the true Temple, with the reed of the Angel: as I ohn was commaunded to doe the holy Altar; especially feeing that their chiefest recorders puts them most in suspect.

For Phlegon, for their beginnings in Pifus Pelaps, and Hercules appoints no time, \* Paufanias faith, hee must record, but will not credite them And Plutarch, in the life of

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But that the Scriptures stand firme, and need no such Supporters, the voice of the Rabbins in their Talmuds do in this sentence declare: \* The words of the Law need no fortification. And Christ, the greatest Rabbin, taught, what he received no testimony of man.

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\* Tal. Ierufalemy, cited by H.B.

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Genealogies vaine, Chap. 10. not be separated from the Sun, nor Mount Sion from before e Pfal, 125.1 Terusalem; so the text in Daniel to finish wickednesse; to abolish finnes, to make reconciliation for iniquitie, to bring righteousne se euerlasting, to seale to vision and Prophet, and to shew Christ the The speech of hely of holies, cannot be separa-Daniel may not be lepated from that which immedirated. atly in the next verses followeth, namely, that the Messiah (hould be killed, to make a sure covenant for many, or to end facrifice and oblation: the one being so linked into the other with fuch glory and strength, d Exod, 28, 14 as the d golden chaines that bound the Breast-plate unto the Ephod upon Aarons breast, was nothing fo glorious or strong. And so both temes, & Gen-

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tiles have acknowledged in their Comments vpon that text, attributing the Messiah therein mentioned, to be the Christ, annointed of God. For so doe Rabbi Saadias, Rabbi Nahman, and Rabbi Hadar fan, the best among them. As also by the confession of the adversarie himselfe; \* The greatest part and \* best learned Christians, of those who have laboured for the understanding of this prophecie (faith he) have understoode the Messah here spoken of, to be Iefus Chrift : and how generally true that opinion hath beene held, the worthy instrument of Gods truth , the Lord De Plessie, in his Truene fe of Christian Religion dooth testific, where he faith; "That this text

Lyuelie Perfian Monarch. \* Pag. 179. and \* pag. 201.

Very good witneffes against a noual opinion.

" Lord de Plef. in true Relig. cap. 29.

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is meant of the Messtah so evidently, as it is a starke shame to deny it.

But Eusebius and Theodoret, have taken the word Messiah, or Governour to come, to lignify a succession of high Priests, and those the Macchabees, after the captivitie of Babylon. And Master Livelie somewhat more largely dooth attribute the words vnto other Rulers and Kings of the Iewes Commonwealth, as hath bin said, which as he there affirmes (but without proofe) were \* after their manner annointed.

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For (faith hee) the \* Greeke Church have rightly observed foure Paschals form the Lords Baptisme untill his death. Howfocuer, an error dying with the men, should not be againe quickened, if nothing but antiquitie did excuse them.

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But as touching the attributes or appellatiues, Nagid & Habba, Princes borne, and not borne in the Countrey; though wee allow a fuccession of Priests and Macchabees from Iaddua downeward, yet I thinke it will be hard to proue that the Romans had any stroke in Iudea, before Gabinius was made Lieutenant of Syria, vvhich was but sisteneyeers before the raigne of Augustus: and harder, that all the

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of the people, were annointed, norindeed any king of Indahs throne, excepting fuch as were the first, or after the first, stood either vpon change of families or else voon strife. So e Saul the first King was annointed; So f David of another Tribe vpon his rejection was annointed: So & Salomon in the conspiracies of Adoniah, vvas annointed: So h Icash in the vsurpations of Athaliah, was annointed : and fo i loachaz the

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these, we finde none of those Kings annoynted, nor any at all vnder the second *Temple*, as De Plessie hath well observed.

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To make then this most prine text of Scripture concerning Christ his sealing of mans Redemption, to be but a Government established betwixt the Gentile Roman, & the faithlesse lew, (and that neither proued) is to adde fuell for \* Tophet, & to make the ignorant

more ignorant still.

For as touching the word Nagid the Prince, that it is an attribute vnto Messiah Christ the annointed, Rabbi Iudab vpon that place of Daniel confesseth; and that this Prince was the hope of Israel, and the Commander of Nations, hee

Not any annointed after the returne fro Babylon.

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And that no stranger vvas meant in the hebrew word Ba, to come, the great Hebrician, H. Bro. affirmeth; saying that \* Christ by that word is meant, vvho in the age following would destroy the Iewes, his owne kinred the vnheliening. Howbeit, many Expositers apply the Gouernour to come, vnto the Romane Emperors that should destroy Ierusalem.

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Had not then the Apolle inst cause to account these lewish Genealogies, both vain

The many Rabbinicall opinions, who was the Meffish.

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" Titus 3.9.

and foolish, and to forewarne his Disciples " Timathy and " Titus, not to give heede to fuch unpr fitable questions, fables, & contentions as breed firife, and not godly edifying. For when the gold of the Temple, was become greater then the Temple it selfe, rightcousnes vrged in circumcision and the Lame; Moses expounded no further then the literall fense led, the Iewes boalting of Abraham & a continued fuccession; then looke what was done vnto Shiloh, must be done to Ierujalem, and P not left a flone standing upon a stone that shall not be throwne downe.

P Mark 13.3.

9 Pfal.122.5.
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of flangbier, & Den of thieues, 1 grew towards her period, whe Christ the great Prophet, weeping, pronounced this judgement, " Behold, the dayes (ball come upon thee, that thine enemies shaleast a trench about thee. shall befrege, and lay thee even

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But so far was her fall from the peoples conceit, and so incredulous was the date of their pollicy predicted by the Angel, as when Saint Stephens Angelical-like voice but touched the string to that found, x their hearts were cut for anger, 1 Ad. 7.54. and they stoned him to death as a blasphemer.

For holding themselves the onely, and peculiar people of God, (though for a time now

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" Luke 19.43.

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The lewer expeditions.	made subject to the Romans they daily attempted to free their estates; and under pre-
* Deu! . 17.15.	by Mofes, that * a Strange fould not rule over them, but on of their brethren; as also an o
2 Luke 19 11.	pinion rife amongst them, that the kin dome of God would im- mediatly appeare; (which the
Their rebelli- ons, a Affs 5.36.	proude-hearted tooke to bee their potent, and conquering Messiah) they were ever ready, upon the least occasion given or gotten, to cast off subjection unto the Romans.  As under Tiberius they did by the leading of * Theudas with whom four hundred lemperished: and after him, arose up I adus of Galile, in the dayes of the tribute, and drew away
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much people, vnder the gouernment of Felix, an Egyptian Sorcerer feduced them to rebell. And vnder \* Fefius, a certaine Enchanter promited them libertie. Vnder \* Coponius, Simon of Gallile revolted. Vnder Florus, Eleazer the sonne of the High Priest raised sedition; and Manahemus among them made himselfe King.

But nothing moued more their many rebellions, then did a prediction rife in the mouthes both of Iewes and Gentiles, namely, that about that time, there should come out of Iury, \* he that should be Lord of the whole world: as Cornelius Tacitus & Suetonius in the life

of Vespatian have written. Vpon which expectation &

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\* Suctionius in vit. Vespass.4. constant opinion, the Iewes made their powers against the Romanes; and in a head of rebellion, slew \* Sabinus the President, and put to slight; Gallus, Lieutenant of Syria, that came to his ayde, taking from him the maine Standard, the Eagle, the chiefest Ensigne borne in their battels.

To recouer whose subjections, Vespatian, the only man of repute for millitary assaires was sent; who with his sonne Titue, so accomplished the threats of the lawe, and the woes that Christ pronounced against Ierusalem, as is most lamentable to be read.

For from the death of Christ, to the subuersion thereof, lose phus their owne story vvriter

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recordeth \* nine hundred seanen ie sue thousand, three hundred sistie one to have perished, whereof eightie seauen thousand died at times in the Citie, and forty one thousand source hundred in those warres sold for slaves.

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Ind li.3. c.19.
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The hunger in the Citie for raging, as the \* tender vvomen were forced to eate the flesh of their ownee children, as Moses had said, & tosephus then saw. The sword to keene vnto slaughter, that the streames of bloud overe imploied to quench the slames of the Citie, breaches made up with the bodies of the dead, and so many lewes crucified, as (to use the words of the VV riter) there vvanted \* Crosses for more executions, & space sufficient to set up Crosses.

\* Toleph bel. Ind. 110 7. ca. 8. & cap. 16.

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\* lofepb.bel. Ind.lib.4. cap. 3.6 cap.7. And not onely men, but the heavens also, in \* whirlewinds, thunders, and earth-quakes, fought against the place and pollicie, that now must end.

And the sword of Gods wrath still vnshethed against them, in the raignes of the sollowing Emperours, Domitian and Traian, that their slaughter vnder them is noted to bee the greatest in the world. And vnder Hadrian their subjection so engrauen, that \* that a Sow was set over the West gate toward Beth-lehem, and by an Edit, he made it death for any sew to looke back toward terusalem, or to behold it through the chinke of a doore.

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red his e bloud upon their heads and childrens; fo by their Cafars cruelties, and their feartions, they were confumed, and their chidren made vagabonds voon the earth. Their citic laid waste, as the destruction of Sodom, the walls removed, and mount Sion excluded, and the name thereof changed from Ierusalem into Aclia.

When also such search was made, to roote out the whole race of David & Indah, as that themselues did manifestly corrupt their owne pedegrees for the fafegard of their lives: insomuch as at this time, there is not a lewe knowne in the world that can truely fay hee hath his \* Genealogie certaine, or can thew any coniccture true of christ.

e Math 27,25

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that hee is of David or Indahs tribe; but all of them to this day remaine without King. vvithout Governour, vvithout Prieft, without Indge, vvithout Genealogie, & without succession, and are a scattered, and contemptible Nation throughout the whole earth.

And vet their later Rabbins. fill their Talmuds with fo many pedegrees, & faire feeming Genealogies, fo certaine & true, as they hold it a finne to examinethem further: for of their Rabbinsthus they write;

\* Talmud Itrufal, in Megila, cited by H.B. in M.S.

\* Rabby Januai (fay they) de-Scended fro Ela; Ben Kalba Shabush from Caleb of Inda. Rabbi Hillel, from David, Rabbi Hakkados, or Saint Rabbin, fro Shephatiah, the sonne of Abital, Dawids

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keads nids wife. Rabbi lesse, of the sons of Ionadab Ben Rechab. Rabbi Nehemiah, from Nehemiah the Tirsbethite; and many others, by many yeers later, from Zorobabel, Ezra, and Danid. Yea and many Proselites likewise they bring from the children of Senacherib King of Ashur. With these and the like Abraham Zakuto is full; and all to pretend, that their Scepter is not yet taken away, but that the Lawe-giner is betweene Indahs feet still.

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## CHAP. II.

That according to the Scrip. tures of God, Christ came at the fulnesse of time: as the Prophets foretald.

a Esay 6.9.

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b 1 Cor.3,14

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plee, and eares that will not heare with this day: for having the vaile in the reading of b Moses & the old Testament as yet windrawne from before their hearts, they stumble voon the c Stone of offence, and grope after a great Messiah, that shall gather against the dispersed

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But feeing that & GOD in Christ would have all men faued. and hath referued to himfelfe a e remnant through the election of Grace; our dutie is to f prowoke them to Christ, (as the Apostle applyeth the speech of Mojes vnto vs Gentiles, vvho have & found h.m whom wiee fought not after, and with them are now made h the people of God); for if by their fall i falnation commeth to the Gentiles. and their casting off, was thereconciling of the world, what hall their receiving be, but life from the dead.

That they are beloved for their k fathers lake, wee are ere dited with the 1 Oracles of God, and honoured with the m humanitie

d Tim. 3.4.

e Rom. 11.5.

2 Efay 65.1.

i Rom. 14-12.

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enery where declare : for which causes, and for whose faluation, their Paul vvas fo zealous, as hee wished himselfe " Separated from Christ: and we the wild Olive graffed in, and now made partaker of the same roote, ought to feed their dead branches, with our living fap; by opening vnto them, that lefus, o whole fine they pierced, was the P Lambe flaine for the sinnes of the world, and the substance of the Sacrifices commanded in the Law.

º Zech. 12.10 P 70hm 1.19

> A mongst many other things in the old Testament, shewed in the 9 Angel, in s Aaron, the Scepter, and brafen Serpent And in the New, seene in his humanitie, doctrine, miracles & death

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death: both of them in every line, either speaking of, or pointing vnto the Messiah, the annointed of God. And agreeing in his person, parentage, & place of hirth, meete each other, as the wings of the \*Cherubins did vpon the Mercy seate in Salomons Temple: the one affirming, and the other confirming that he was the \*Sonne of a Virgin, his birth in beth-lehim, his kindred of \*Dauid, & Tripe & Judah.

His Infancie answering the types of the old Testament, was seene a Star vnto the Gentile Prophet Balaam, & was found by a Starre of the Gentiles that sought him. In frama was weeping, as Ieremy had heard; out of Egypt hee was called, as Hospean

\* 1 King 6.17

\* E (4) 7.14.

b Mica.5.2 clere.23.5

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° Num:24-17

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Terem. 31.15

s Hofea II.I.

8 1 King. 3.16

h Ioha 14.30.

vp in Nazaret to fulfill the Prophets; and for wifedome at twelve yeers of age, almuch admired among the Doctors, as & Salomon was in deciding the firite of the harlots.

His life was vnreproueable, fulfilling all righteoufnesse, in whom the h Prince of this world could finde nothing ami fe.

His doctrine was as the i deme of Hermon, preaching comfort to all that k mourne in Zion; and was a' light of faluation einen to the Gentiles onto the end of the world.

His miracles were fo many and manifest, as testified his Godhead, by curing the blinde, healing the defeafed, clinking of Lepers, casting out Dinels, and

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In transfiguration hee was more glorious then Moses; in feeding the hungry with fewer loanes, he exceeded "Elisha, and had more power to commaund Angels, then "Eliss had to shut heaven for raine, or to open it for "fire.

And the parts of his passion were as effectually acted, as in the old Testament they had beene predicted; and all accomplished as had been prescribed: for Zachariah saw the p Shepheard, the Lords fellow, smitten, and the sheepe scattered; sold for thirty peeces of a silver, and them the purchase of the Potters field. David told that his thands and feete should bee pierced, his garments devided, or into

1 2 King. 4 43.

a 1 King. 17.1.

° 2 King.1.12

P Zecb.13.7.

9 Zecb.11.12

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* lobn 1 9. 33.	fion and Prophet. His bones were not broken, to answere the "lan of the Lambe: his side pierced, to
* Zach.12.10.	affure his * death.  And his death done among!
r Efay 53.	from heaven, in the earth, and in the renting of the veyle, as
Luke 23 48.	his 2 beholders Imiting their breafts, confessed he was the Son of GOD.
	But to gather all in one, and from that one, against whom the lewes dare not speak, cuen
	Efivihe Prophet, and of their bloud royall; let vs lay down
	his text, as it lieth in his words, whose preface vnto his speech beginneth thus;

Genealogies end in Christ. 130 Who b will believe our report? b € fay 53. and to vohom is the arme of the Lord remealed? 2. But her shall grow up before him as a Branch. @ as a roote out of a dry ground: he hath neither form nor beauty: when we shall see him, there shall be no forme that we should defire him. 3. He is despised or reiec-3 ted of men: hee is a man full of forrowes, and hath experience of infirmities: wee hid as it voere our faces from him: hee was defpifed, and we esteemed him not. 4. Surely hee hath borne our infirmities, and carried our forrowes: yet we did indge him, as plagued and smitten of God, and humbled. 5. But be was wound-5 ded for our transgressions, hee was broken for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon

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6	vpon him, & with his stripes we are healed. 6. All wee like sheepe baue gone astray: we have turned
	euery one to his owne way, or the Lord hath laid upon him the ini-
7	quity of vs all. 7. He was oppres- sed, and he was afflicted, yet did
	hee not open his mouth: hee is brought as a sheepe to the slaugh-
	ter, and as a sheepe before her
8	shearer is dum, so hee opened not his mouth. 8. He was taken out from prison, con from judgement:
	and who shall declare his age? for he was cut out of the Land of the
	living: for the transgression of
9	my people was he plagued.9. And he made his grave with the wic-
	ked, with the rich in his death,
	though hee had done no wicked- nesse, neither was any deceit in
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Heerein I appeale to your selues, Oyee children of the Prophets: what have our Enangelists written, that this your Prophet did not write before: for substance so much, and for vvords so agreeing, as they seeme to fal from his pen, who faw the passion himselfe, and beares record b that his fayings 1 lobal 9.35. are true. Or to what other per-

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Which things happened immediatly before the birth of Christ, when that \* Idumean tyrant, by the fauour of Antonius, had first set, and after by Augustus, surer setled Iudars Crowne vpon his owne head; whose faire lustre made him so persecute the lawful heire thereof, as less thee should escape, hee slaughtered all the male infants in those coasts of lewry, & among them his owne son, as \* Macrobius reporteth.

The Iubile likewise for freedome, the onely Feast in the yeere; and that yeere appointo be every fiftieth, must have an end in the substance, as all other Ceremonies had. Which great yeer, that the people did expect

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expect it, our Luke declareth, for they thought that the kingdome of God Bould Shortly appeare; and that Iefus from their & I /ay at h Nazaret did preach it, they all bare him voitnelle, and wondred at the gracious words that came out of his mouth.

And furely, if wee begin to account them (as wee must) from the fenenthy cere of losbuah, when the Lands full conquest was accomplished; wee shall finde twenty eight fiftieths vnto that of the Passion, where all freedome was purchased, when Christ in his last words upon the croffe, cryed, ilt is finished.

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phet Daniel declaring the change of states by the metaline Image, shewed to Nabuchadnezzar, gives limits to the kingdoms therein contained, till a Stone cut vvithout hands from the mountaine, should fall vpon, and breake to powder, the Gold, the Silver, the Brasse, the Iron, and the Clay: all vvhich should bee blowen away, as the chasse of the Sommer flowers; but the Stone that so fell, should fall the whole earth.

Now, that the enent vvas according, is evidently seene; for Cleopatra, the proud and lascinious Queen of Egypt, the last successor, or Toe of the Image, for the death of Antonius, stung herselfe to death with a Serpent; what time Egypt, the

All Ceremonies finished by the witnes of Christ. Chap. 11. Genealogies end in Christ.

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And that a full dissolution of every part of the Image with her death happened, the taxing of the world then layd by Augustus, doth testifie; when the Romane Monarchie, with acknowledged subjection first began and upon which occation Christ was borne in Bethlehem, two yeeres before the death of Herod.

And that this Stone vvas Christ, all almost acknowledge; neither doth the event fall in any other, the Gospell beeing the Mountaine that spred his kingdome over the face of the whole earth. And what

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what that Stone signified, Daniel told Nebuchadnezzir, as Iosephus writeth: which though himselfe thought not sit in that his discourse there to expresse, yet afterwards in the commotions of the Iewes against Pilat, hee speaketh both of Iohn Baptist, slaughtered by Herod, and of Iesus condemned to the Crosse, in these venerable words.

\*At that time (saith he) was Iesus a wise man, if it bee lawful to call him a man. For he was the performer of diverse admirable works, or the instructor of those, who willingly entertaine the truth: and he arew unto him diverse lewes and Greekes to bee his followers. This was Christ; who beeing accused by the Prin-

\* Ioseph. antiq. lib.10.cap. 10.

\* Infephus his opinion of Christ.
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ces of our Nation before Pilat, & afterwards condemned to the Crosse by him; yet did not those who followed him from the beginning, forbeare to love him for the ignominie of his death. For he appeared unto them alive the third day after, according as the divine Prophets had before testified the same; and diverse other wonderful things of him: & fro that time forward, the race of the Christians, who have derived their Name from him, hath never ceased.

What testimony can bee greater then this, so agreeing with the miracles, death, and refurrection of Christ, especially from his pen, who vivote the History of the lemes, from Moses, the sirst, vinto the destruction

struction of lerisalem, and last times of their estate: beeing as all men knowe, by birth a Iem himselfe, and in his young yeeres might have seene the same IESVS, of whom hee giveth such commendable reports.

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But to confirme the fall of the Image, which Daniel had affirmed by the fal of the Stone, is the testimony of the Angel sent vnto him, to sheve the times that were to succeede. For the Prophet praying for a present releasement from Babels captimitie, was answered by Gabriell aboue his request: namely, that after seamentie seamens of yeeres, a perfect deliuerance should be wrought by the death of the Messiah, which

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which should end sin, and the Ceremonies of the place, and should bring an euerlasting freedome to all that believe.

And that these yeers so predicted, sell in number, weight, and measure, euen 490. vvee haue shewed before, and now further affirme, that the very houres by a skilfull Arithmetician may be exactly calculated, from the message of the Angel deliuered at the time of the euening oblation, vnto the voice vttered by Christ vpon the Crosse at the ninth houre of the day, when he cried aloud and again vp the ghost.

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standing or continuance of the fecond Temple, which was built by b Zerubhabel, after the returne from Pabylon; which worke, though later and leffer then that of Salomons, had notwithstanding a promise from GOD to sexceed Salomons.

c Hag. 2, 10.

b Egra, 6.

But how glorious his was, the building, guilding, riches, & beautie doth euidentlie declare: and the d clowd of Gods di King. 8.11. glory so filling the house, as the Priests could not minister, doth manifestly shew.

Whereas contrariwife, this fecond was so inferiour, as the old men that had seene the former, e wept exceedingly at the laying of the foundation: neither was it filled with any fuch glorious Clowd, nor had the

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the like Patterns of Gods diuine presence, as Salomons had.

For in this second Temple, as the Rabbins have observed, these fine great blessings were wanting. I. The fire from heauen to confume the Sacrifices. the visible signe of Gods fauourable acceptance. 2. The Frim and Thummim, most sacred monuments put in the pectorall or Breaft-place of Aaron. 3. The & Arke of the Couenant, wherein the Tables of Stone, h Aarons Rod, and i pot of Manna were kept. 4. The Mercy feat & Cherubins, from whom the oracles of God were renealed. 5. And the manifest breathing of the holy Ghost vpon the Prophets: all which Salo-

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Contrariwife, before the daies of chrift, this later Temple was pollured and defiled by Antiochus, Pompey, and Craffin; and after the death of Christ, vtterly destroied by Titus , Domitian, Hadrian, & other Roman Emperors. And being affaid again to be built by Iulian the Apostata, was with earthquakes and fire from heaven so hindred, as the foundations of the first Temple, left in the former destructions, were so shaken afunder, that a stone was not left standing upon a flone; and the workmen by fire Socrates lib.3. from heatien, forced to leane off cap. 17. theattempt. Since which time, in feeking to rebuild that, which Christ had so accursed, more Christian bloud hath been spilt,

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struction which losephus wri teth of and faw. Wherein then was the glory of this fecond Temple greater the Salomons, OI what shold i moue the desire of all nations to come therevnto?

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Surely, it was the Lord whom they fought, and the Meffenger o, the K Couenant who they defired to behold, that thould come to this his Temple, even the Melsiah, promised to restore the desola tions of Ifrael, and that should beginen for a light of I faluation unto the Gentiles : which was accomplished onely in the person of Christ lefus, who with his presence filled this later house with greater glory then the clowd did that of Salomons.

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When in this temple he taught that tl

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that his body was the true temple indeed; and that the "Father & he were all one: vrging the fearch of Seriptures, that testified fo much of him, "their credit vn to Mofes that wrote concerning him, & the witnes of that burning candle (the Baptist) vvho pointed, and preached him to be the Lamb of God, that taketh | lobu 1.29. away the sinnes of the world.

Hethen was the Branch that should build the Lords Temple. the Crown of glory, & roiall Di- 1 E (0) 62.3. adem in the hand of his GOD. More worthy of a glory then Moles, more rexcellent then David.

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in his Song had the relation, whe he alludeth vnto the time of the true Turtles sacrifice, in his heavenly hymne, wherein most fweetly hee singeth thus; When the winter mas past, and the rain gone away the flowers appeared, or the figing of birds was come then the voice of this Turtle was heard in the land. For when the frozen dregs of sin lay both in the inward heart, & outward action, then hee that \* offered a Bullock, was as if hee had flaine a man, & he that facrificed a sheepe, as if hee had cut off a dogges neck: then were the oblations as the offrings of Swines bloud, and the remebrance of incense, as the blefsing of an idal. So that when saerifice & offrings were not defired, burnt offring & fin offrings 200

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not required, then faid her Lo, I y 1961. 40 6. come; for in the rolle of the booke it is written of me, I defired to doe thy will o my God. And as touching the abroga-

tion of the old, thus faith Teremie, They y hall fay no more the lere.3.16. Ark of the commant of the Lord, neither (balit come in minde, neither (bal they visit it, neither shall it be magnified. But I will plant faith the Lord by that Prophet,

hearts I wil write it, I will be their God, and they shalbe my people. And by I wellhe cryeth, 2 In those | 10012,28. daies I wil pour out my spirit opon all flesh, your sonnes and your daughters shal prophecy; your old

men (hall dreame dreames, your young men hal fee visions, & vpon your fernants and handmaides,

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my = law within them, & In their - lere. 31.33.

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doth not consider. Yea, the Storke in the heaven (faith lerenn ) knoweth her appointed times, the turtle, the crane, and the swallow ob-Serue the times of their comming, but my people know not the in igement of the Lord. And the complaint in Hofea is, My & people perish for lack of knowledge

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But for the close of all, let vs. vrgethe same precept to these stamering lewes, that themfelues vrge vnto their disciples, namely, to give eare to the Prophets, so farre as they speake, and where they cease, to bow downe their eares to the fayings of wifemen: whereof themselves tel vs of a certain succession, vvhich should not faile till the coming of the Messiah. And from Hillel their holy Rabbin, bring a conti-

c lere. 3.7.

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tiles, and the glory of thy people	
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Which was likewise wimes-	
sed by a Prophetesse of your	
owne, even Anna the daughter	
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a widow of great yeeres, vvho	
went not out of the Temple,	
but I ferned God with fasting and	h Luke 2.37.
prayers night and day. Shee com-	10.2
ming upon them, confessed like-	
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himselfe witnesse what they have said: namely, that his eyes then saw the Messiah, the glory of israel, and the light of the Gentiles. And Zachary, your Priest of the course of Abia, when his tongue was loosed, spake of the borne of saluation that shold shortly be raised in the honse of Dauid; and that the babe his sonne then new borne, should bee his messenger to goe before him, to prepare his wayes. Of which messenger, heare Iosephus

Doth not then our Eusingelist confirme that, which your Doctors have told: and Simeon

i Luke 1.69

\* 10fepb. Anti. lib. 18. cap.7. Iohn \* surnamed the Baptist (sayth hee) replenished with all vertue, exhorted the Iewesto ad-

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dist themselves to execute instice towards men, and pietre towards God: and to be baptised, and to renounce sinne. Unto whom so many resorted, that Herodsearing a renolt (for it seemed they would subscribe in all things to his aduise) caused him to be put to death, in the Castle, Macheron: for which deed (faith he) the lewes were of opinion, that in revenge of this so grievous a sinne, Herods Arm, against whom God was displeased, had been subjected to their voter ruine and overthrow

I wil not vrge the sayings of Esdras in naming km sonne lesus, and m sonne Christ, source hundred yeeres before Christs death; because the book is not canonicall: neither the testimonies of the Sybils, whereof Eri-

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threa, more ancient then Romulius, composed verses, whose first letters beeing onely taken, make this sentence. I sys CHRIST, SON OF GOD, THE SAVIOVE: These I fay, I wil not vrge, because they are Gentiles; but this I note, that in all her verses, shee hath not one word tending to Idolatry, as other Gentile Writers haue : but all against the false Gods and their worshippings: fo that \* he seemeth to me to have beene a citizen of the city of God, faith S. Augustine in his booke faintimled.

Now, that thefe Sybils were ancient, we fee in Homer, of Ezekiablistime, fixe hundred thirty fix yeers before the birth of Christ, who inferreth many

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of their verses in his Rapsodie, as Viues in his annotations upon Saint Augustins Civitate Deinoteth. And also respective, for that the Romans made doubt to assist King Ptolomy to recover his kingdome of Egypt, because the Sybils had prophecied, that at what time the Romans should set a King in Egypt, then should be borne the king of the whole world. Which oracle, Cicero writing to Lentulus (who sued to have that charge) alleageth.

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And Tacitus tells vs, \* that whereas many vaine predictions were published of the fate of Rome, under the names of the Sybils, Augustus Casar (after that the Capitoll was burnt in the civil warres) caused their prophecies to bee sought for, in Samum, Illium, Erthrum.

\* Tacit. Anal.

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thrum, through Affrica, Sicilia, and the Colonies of Italy: & to be brought to Rome to the Cities Pretor by a day assigned, and to be examined by the Priests, to distinguish the true from the false, as neere a might bee, by the judgement of man: & those allowed of, referred againe to a second examination of the Fisteene.

\* Sucto. in vi-

In which butinesse, Suetonias affirmeth \* no lesse then two thousand bookes to have been committed to the fire: but the approved prophecies of the Sybils (saith hee) at the Emperours commandement were layd up, and kept under locke, in two golden chess, at the foote of the Image of Apollo, in mout l'alatine in Rome. Where they remained (saith Amianus) in the dayes of Inlian

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Amia. Marcel. 16.23.000.2. lian the apostata: and whence Stillice tooke \* and burnt them, when hee intended treason towards his double sonne in law Honorius the Emperour, lest in mouing the people against him, their prophecies should hinder his designes, as Claudian in his verses thus writeth;

He burnt the fates of the Sybils he'ps-

Wherby we fee, both the great The reverend antiquitie of these received Sy- regard of the bils, and the reuerend regard that was had of their writings: but chiefely the end of all prophecies, both dinine & humane concerning Christ lesus, in who all the types of the Law ended, and in whose person all Genealogies ceased, that from Adam had been continued vnto him the bleffed feed, and son of God: and

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a Luke 1.5.

b Luke 2.36. c Philip.3.5. and to force them further, eyther for story, or distinction of Tribes, Mariages or I sues, is to fall into that fin which S. Paul condemneth, seeing those stars did all set, at the bright rising of that brightest sun.

Neither doth the new Testament, from the first of S. Mathew, to the last of the Appeabys, prosecute any Genealogies,
no not from the degree of a
Grandfather (besides them appertaining to the person of
Christ) though many bookes
therein be historicall, & might
have required the stayes of Genealogies, as most of them in the
old Testament have done. For
only Zacharias from his priestly course, Elisabet from Aaaron,
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Beniamin, & Barnabas from Le- d Alls 4. 36. ui are declared; in all the rest a stil silence is seen: & all to shew, that the vse of Genealogies, ended in lefus the feed of the promile, and that thence forth, the world should not looke for another.

The lewes we have feen blinded in their own affections, affeeting an earthly tranquilitie under their daily expected Monarch from Salomon, and \* with | Hieromin Iulian the Apostata, doe vehe- Main 1. mently accuse vs Christians, Christians acthat we agree not in the Parents culed by the of his person, whom wee make leves. our Messiah, neither of N'athan or Salomon.

But I would to God we had not followed their Rabbins too farre in the line of Salomon, and

that V.

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O then ye Sonnes of the & Couenant, be not as Davids I deafe Ad- 1 Pfal. 33.4 der that stoppeth her eare, and will not harken to the voice of the charmer, charme hee never so wisely; nor with your questioning Elders answer m we cannot tell. For you have had Abraham your father, pointing at Christ the seed of the promise, in whom all the nations of the earth are made blefsed. Moses your law-giner, shewing the " Prophet that the Lord Down 18.18. would raise from among your brethren, unto whom ye hold harken. And the Prophets your Charmers, with oprecept upon precept, line upon line, heere a little; and there a little, have declared the P Virgins forme to be the Emmanuel, the a wonderfull Counseller, Ejay 7.14 the mighty God, the everlasting father, V 2

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a Mark 11.33

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John 14.6	life, and the spirituall rock and
Toba 6. 31.	I At anna fent down from heaven.
	The Euangelists, Apostles, Disci-
	ples and Profelites, all of them
b	clowds of witnesses vnto you, of
	his Life, Death, Resurrection and
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	tiles of the vneireucision (though
E say 28.11.	with fammering lips, and an-
	other tongue) tell you, That in
Hebr. 1.2.	these last dayes "God hath spoken
O	by his Sonne, who is heire of all
	things, by who he made the worlds,
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Tobn 3.16.	shall not perish, but have life ever-
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E Gala.6.7. a Dens. 4.24.

c Math. 37.29

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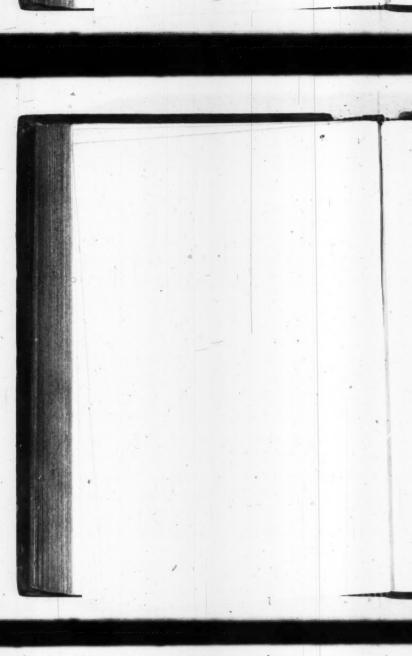
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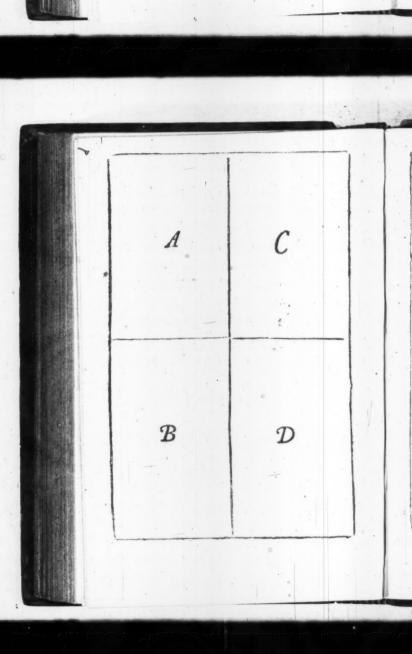
vnto the Law, and after by Iudges and Kings, whilest their kingdome stood, which shortly was divided with Iudah and Israel, and soone became enemies, not only each towards others, but most of them also vnto Gods truth. Of iudahs Kings some sew were godly, and by God were blessed with riches, peace, and victories. Of Israels were none, but all of them idolaters, and died in their sinnes: briesly, in all is scene both the mercie and severitie of God, when all are seene, either to build or pull downe the walles of Zion.

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